

## **Auxiliaries**

The auxiliary firefighters provide a valuable service to our community by supplementing the service provided by full time career firefighters. The minimum number of firefighters to safely respond to a low hazard structure fire (i.e.: single-family dwellings) is 14. This can only be achieved through a combination response between career and auxiliary firefighters. All auxiliaries are considered City employees on a paid-on-call status.

The auxiliary members are assigned to either #1 Fire Hall in Westview or #2 Hall in Wildwood. Response from #1 Hall members is limited to structure fires and major events. These members will respond directly to the scene. The #2 Hall auxiliaries play a vital role in ensuring coverage for the Wildwood area responding to first responder calls, motor vehicle incidents, structure fires, and other miscellaneous incidents. The #2 Hall station members respond with a fire engine to each response.

## ***INTERESTED IN JOINING?***

Powell River Fire Rescue periodically runs recruit programs for new members. This six-month program will provide basic skills to respond to incidents. Members are then provided with ongoing training and support with the goal to achieve competency as a Full-Service Operations Level Firefighter. Many of our career firefighters started as auxiliary members.

Interested in a rewarding opportunity view the sample application package on the next few pages for eligibility and watch for postings on our “Powell River Fire Rescue” facebook page. Already have firefighting experience: email [fire@cdpr.bc.ca](mailto:fire@cdpr.bc.ca)



**CITY OF POWELL RIVER  
POWELL RIVER FIRE RESCUE  
AUXILIARY FIREFIGHTER  
Entry Requirements & Expectations**

**Entry Requirements:**

Auxiliary Firefighters are required to respond directly to incidents from their home and/or the Fire Hall. At times this requires driving a fire truck. You will need:

- A valid drivers' license with a safe drivers record
- Own or have access to a reliable vehicle to be able to respond to calls.

Firefighting is a physical, dangerous job. To ensure the safety of our members all recruits must:

- complete a functional fitness evaluation
- obtain medical clearance through the Fire Department's doctor
- meet vision standards as defined by NFPA ;
- have normal hearing with no artificial aids;
- have no fear of heights, confined spaces or claustrophobic.

Additional requirements include:

- A resident of the City of Powell River, residents of the regional district will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis;
- Legally entitled to work in Canada;
- Minimum age of 19; completed Grade 12 or equivalent;
- A clean criminal record check

**Expectations**

The basic training program is completed over a six-month period. This is an accredited program that provides successful members with certification that meets the current BC Fire Service Minimum Training Standards. It is our department's goal to support our auxiliary members in achieving accreditation as a full-service operations level firefighter. It is estimated that it takes 580 hours of effort to achieve full accreditation.

During the basic training program it is expected that you commit to:

- Both written and practical exams to demonstrate mastering of skills;
- Participation in one three-hour training session per week, usually scheduled during the evening on a week day
- Occasional two-hour sessions on the weekends to complete practical exams.
- Homework – reading and practicing skills either on your own or as arranged with our staff.

After successful completion of the basic program auxiliary firefighters are ready to respond to incidents. This is supported through regular training. Expectations include

- Respond to 50 % of emergency call-outs and 60 % of practices.
- Participation in Monday night training sessions, 2 hours once a week.
- Extra training sessions as required to achieving accreditation as a full-service operations level firefighter including the occasional out-of-town courses, written and practical exams.
- Maintain a clean drive's record and clean criminal record.