



WBVFD SUPPORT APPLICATION

F.A.S.T.

Firefighter Assist and Support Team

Guidelines for volunteering

The White Bluff Volunteer Fire Department (WBVFD) Support Team is an active service organization of men and women volunteers from the White Bluff community. These suggestions will enhance the guidelines shown in the WBVFD Standard Operating Guidelines (S.O.G.). Specifically, Support members may provide the following services:

- Emergency scene support: Provide food and water to firefighters and other emergency responders when requested by WBVFD Fire Chief or his designee.
- Social activities and fundraising: Plan, organize, schedule, and promote social activities and fundraising events.
- Maintaining Fire Trucks after emergency response: Assist fire department personnel with cleaning and maintaining trucks and hoses.

Those interested in supporting emergency scenes may be asked to carry 10-20 lbs, negotiate uneven ground and drive themselves to the fire station or the scene. Social activities and fundraising will include all support staff when assistance is needed for any phase of the activity or event. Applicants interested in maintaining the fire trucks may be asked to climb to be able to wipe various parts of the trucks and be available in the morning or afternoons for clean-up. Support staff members will be notified when WBVFD is responding to a fire for information. For questions or more information, contact Kathy Corbin, WBVFD support coordinator at: **214-223-4078 or KKC1428@GMAIL.COM**

Name: _____ Address: _____

Home Phone Num: _____ Cell Phone Num: _____

E-Mail: _____

Any previous experience working Fundraising, Emergency Scenes or Maintaining vehicles:

Volunteer Preferences: (can check more than one)(See attached for more detailed descriptions)

- Emergency Scene Response Social Activities and Fundraising
 Truck Clean-up and maintenance

What is the best way to contact you for response if needed:

- Home Phone Call Cell Phone Call Text Message EMail



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Procedures and Responsibilities

The men and women of the White Bluff Volunteer Fire Department Support Team (F.A.S.T.) perform three roles: emergency scene support, social activities and fire truck clean-up/maintenance. Support staff members can choose to participate in one or more of the roles. A detailed description of what you can expect for each role can be found in the WBVFD S.O.G.'s, what follows may be in addition to the S.O.G.:

Emergency Scene Support

Our Role: Support staff members of this team may respond to extended emergency scenes when directed by the WBVFD fire chief or his designee. Support staff members will provide beverages and food to rehydrate firefighters. During all emergencies, confidentiality will be required and only the Chief or his designee will release information to the media or anyone else inquiring.

What we do: Support staff members will respond to the fire station and will begin preparing items to take to the scene. When supplies are ready, a designated volunteer support staff member(s) will respond to the scene. Once on scene support staff will have available water, Gatorade, drinks and food prepared at the station and towels. There may be a fan or heater, depending on the weather (if generator or electricity is available), chairs and a tarp for the firefighters to put their gear. Designated support staff members may also provide drinks and snacks along the fire line to firefighters and first responders. Support staff members will make runs for ice/refills/food as necessary.

Time commitment: Support staff members determine their availability based on work or other preferences. The team is on scene as long as the firefighters need us. Individual support staff members arrive as soon as possible after activation and leave when released by the on-scene team leader. Support members involved in the Emergency Scene activation will stay for the de-briefing. Emergencies are unpredictable; length of time on-scene can vary.

Training: Some support staff members may be asked to carry 5-20 lbs, negotiate uneven ground and drive themselves to the scene, if requested.

Notification to respond: The Support Staff Coordinator will call or text staff members advising of a fire response. When notified by the Fire Chief the Coordinator will call or text the need for response and ask if you're available, if available, support staff will respond to the fire station or to the emergency scene.



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Social Activities and Fundraising

Our Role: Support staff members plan, organize and support activities for the WBVFD fundraising. Activities include annual fundraisers: golf tournament, 5K run/walk, and the fall dinner and dance. In addition, support staff members may assist with the WBVFD Christmas party. Support staff members may assist in public education activities including Fire Prevention week and ceremonies such as promotions and retirements.

What we do: Support staff members will plan, organize, schedule and promote the activities. Check inventory and replenish supplies as needed. All support staff will assist in any phase as needed such as shopping for food/drinks, cooking and serving food, set up and clean up. Support staff members can volunteer to coordinate each phase.

Time commitment: Planning for an event will start several months prior to the date. Fundraising events can vary from 3-8 hours starting with set-up and ending with clean up.

Notification to respond: Support staff members will meet and discuss prior to the event. Support staff members will receive emails from the Social Activities Team leader(s) requesting assistance in different phases and a follow-up email with details.



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Washing and Maintaining Fire Trucks

Our role: Support staff members will be asked to assist our firefighters after a fire response to clean trucks and hoses and then assist to put the fire hoses back on the fire trucks.

What we do: Cleaning a fire truck may include: cleaning windows, spraying water on the fire trucks, and wiping down the trucks with dry towels. Hoses need to be taken off of the truck, cleaned with water and then placed on the drying racks for 24-48 hours. All of this will be with the firefighters to guide and assist.

Time commitment: Please remember that the firefighters have been out fighting a fire for several hours and they are tired but the trucks need to be cleaned for the next fire which could happen within a few hours of the previous fire. Cleaning trucks may happen that night or occur the next morning.

Once a year, all hoses are removed from all trucks, tested, washed, dried and put back on the trucks.

Training: Support staff members may be shown by the firefighters how to remove and load hoses on the fire trucks. Members will be shown how to lay out hoses on the drying racks. Support staff members can be shown how to utilize the steps on the fire trucks to reach windows and other parts of the truck; may have to utilize the front wheels on some of the fire trucks to clean outside of front windshield. Support staff may use extension poles with cleaning/drying attachments.

Notification to respond: Support staff members will receive a call, text or email from the Support Staff coordinator first advising of a fire response then a request to clean with a date and time to report to the fire station.