



About Your Local Fire District¹

Volunteer capacity to attack local structure fires

- The District is staffed with 19 Volunteers, including 7 who reside in Calpine.
- Responding Volunteers are supported by personnel and apparatus from all three District stations.
- The District has Mutual Aid Agreements with Loyaltown Fire Department, Beckwourth Fire District and other partners.
- The District maintains a Cooperative Agreement with the US Forest Service to provide additional apparatus and firefighting staff.

Fire Apparatus

- Sierra County Fire District #1 has four structure fire engines and three water tenders equipped with appropriate hose, nozzles, ladders, communication equipment, and personal protective equipment to make an attack on structure fires throughout the District.
- A type 1 Structure Engine, a type 3 Brush truck, a Water Tender, and a light Rescue Vehicle are positioned in Station 84 in Calpine.

District Response to out of District Fires

- The District Chief is charged with the responsibility to consider the impacts of local fire protection needs before allocating any resources to fires outside of the District.
- During the first five hours of the "Sugarloaf Fire" (later called the "Beckwourth Complex") in 2021, the District sent resources to protect the ranches and homes along the edge of Sierra Valley. For a five hour period, this action left limited resources during this Mutual Aid Response. The District Chief carefully monitored communications for any new calls requiring District response. It is understood that our Mutual Aid Partners will do the same in a District hour of need!
- The District has responded with one of the District's three Water Tenders when Cal OES calls for help. This is a prudent response and assures the continued response and support to District needs.

Volunteer recruitment system

Prospective volunteers are requested to fill out an on-line application filed directly with District's Chief (available at <https://www.sierracountyfireprotectiondistrict1.org/volunteer>). The Chief interviews every applicant. Given the challenging and physically demanding nature of firefighting, applicants are screened for required knowledge, skills and physical abilities. Further, Volunteers should expect to attend frequent training and drills.

"Making the decision to become a volunteer firefighter should not be taken lightly. It requires discipline to training, a strong commitment to service and the ability to occasionally put one's life on pause, to help someone in their time of need." Volunteer firefighting is a rewarding and valuable way to serve your community. The SCFPD Team forges camaraderie and long-lasting friendships.

Conduct of Business

The District Board, Leadership and Volunteers adhere to a Code of Ethics adopted by the District. Regular meetings are conducted by the Board. Meetings are properly posted and open to the public. Members of the Public are encouraged to attend and are permitted public comment and an opportunity to speak to matters on the agenda, as desired. District business is conducted in an open and transparent manner.

¹ Please visit <https://www.sierracountyfireprotectiondistrict1.org/> for more information