



OVERVIEW OF  
CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE  
**2009**

Dear Interested Firefighter-EMT Applicant:

Central Pierce Fire & Rescue was established in 1993 through consolidation of Pierce County Fire Protection Districts 6, 7 and 9. In 1996, the voters of the three Districts formalized the merger, creating Pierce County Fire Protection District #6, doing business as Central Pierce Fire & Rescue. Central Pierce Fire & Rescue is a political subdivision of the State of Washington and is funded primarily through property taxes, as well as a voter-approved fire benefit assessment fee. In January of 2009, CPFRR annexed the City of Puyallup Fire Department. Call volume for 2008 was 16,836, with 7,382 medical transports. With the annexation of the City of Puyallup Fire Department on January 1, 2009, we expect our call volume for 2009 to be at 24,000, with 10,500 medical transports.

Central Pierce Fire & Rescue is a combination fire department with 245 career firefighters, paramedic firefighters, and 17 volunteer firefighters/support services members. These men and women participate in fire suppression, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and mitigation, and specialized rescue. Our public education programs focus on fire and injury prevention targeted to at-risk populations of children and the elderly.

Central Pierce Fire & Rescue is a rapidly growing suburban fire department in Washington State. We are located 35 miles south of Seattle and 10 miles southeast of Tacoma in the heart of the Puget Sound region. We provide emergency response and mitigation services to an area covering 85 square miles and a population of more than 194,000.

We currently have twelve fire stations, twelve engine companies, eight medic ALS/BLS transport units, two ladder trucks, Haz-Mat team members, Special Operations team, and other specialized vehicles. In addition to the suppression force, we have approximately 40 other positions including Fire Chief, two Deputy Chiefs, four Assistant Chiefs, nine Battalion Chiefs, prevention/education, support services and administrative staff to assist in accomplishing our mission.

Many recreational opportunities abound nearby. Mt. Rainier is 35 miles away, and several snow skiing slopes are within a one-hour drive. The Pacific Ocean is only two hours away. The Seattle/Tacoma areas also support two major league sports teams – baseball (Mariners), and football (Seahawks).

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