

Columbus Rural Fire District #3

Position Announcement

Columbus Rural Fire District #3 (CRFD) is accepting applications for the immediate hiring of a Fire Apparatus Technician.

Full-time Position

This position will work within the chain of command established within the organization. Applicants must possess strong communication, leadership, and organizational skills, as well as proven integrity in working with volunteer organizations and the community.

Under general supervision, the Fire Apparatus Technician is responsible for performing repairs on various diesel and gasoline powered vehicles and equipment as well as fire pumps, small engines, and related components. Incumbents in this classification work and receive on-the-job training in the maintenance and repair shop, which includes inspecting, maintaining, and repairing fire apparatus and related equipment. Positions in this classification are characterized by their ability to perform assigned maintenance and repair and the ability to work independently with minimal supervision.

Columbus Fire Rescue (collectively the Columbus Rural Fire District #3 and the City of Columbus Fire Department) is a large, geographically diverse rural fire district in Stillwater County in south central Montana. CRFD serves a municipal community of approximately 2,000 residents as well as a rural area of approximately 750 square miles for fire and 850 square miles for EMS. CRFD serves a total population of 6,500 residents with 55 volunteers and 9 career staff. CRFD provides structural and wildland fire protection, EMS, HAZMAT, and rescue within its jurisdiction. This position will possibly be job shared by other interested departments.

The starting salary range for this position is \$26.00 to \$30.00 per hour, DOE, with a pay increase after successfully completing a 6-month probation period. There are also pay increases associated with EVT certification levels. This position includes excellent benefits including health insurance (100% coverage for employee and family), vision, dental, accidental death and disability insurance, FURS retirement system, and paid vacation and sick time. The shift rotation will be 4 10-hour days or similar schedule. There may be emergency call outs that will be compensated at overtime rates.

The application will be open until the position is filled.

Applications and a copy of the complete job description can be picked up at Columbus Fire Station #1: located at 944 E. Pike Avenue, or they can be found at: **www.columbusfirerescue.com/join-us/**.

For questions about the position, please call 406-322-4302 or email Chief Rich Cowger at rcowger@columbusfirerescue.com or Assistant Chief Nick Jacobs at njacobs@columbusfirerescue.com. Applicants should include a resume, cover letter, and complete application; incomplete applications will not be accepted. Please submit the complete application to:

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