

Columbus Rural Fire District #3

Position Announcement

Columbus, MT

Columbus Rural Fire District #3 (CRFD) is accepting applications for the immediate hiring of a Firefighter/EMT/Assistant Mitigation Supervisor/Engine Boss.

Permanent Full-Time Employment

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. Successful candidates must realize that they will be working to provide support to a predominantly volunteer organization and in many cases may be working under Volunteer officers. This position will assist CRFD's wildland/fuels programs and be utilized in the 911 system. There will be travel involved within these positions during wildland fire deployments that can extend up to 21+ days away from home. This position will also fall into the 911 response system.

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 8 career staff. CRFD provides structural and wildland fire protection, EMS, HAZMAT, and rescue within its jurisdiction.

The starting salary range for this position is \$20.00 to \$24.00 per hour, DOE, with a pay increase after successfully completing a 6-month probation period and is seasonal/full-time. This position includes excellent benefits including health insurance (100% coverage for employee and family), accidental death and disability insurance, FURS retirement system, and paid vacation. The shift rotation will be 4 10-hour days with seasonal rotations shared with 1 other person.

The application deadline is March 26, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

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/current-openings

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:

Columbus Rural Fire District #3

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