

THE HISTORY OF WEAVERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The town of Weaverville was established in 1850. In the succeeding years, there were some devastating fires that destroyed most of the town.

In April 1898 the County Supervisors appointed a three-member board to act as Fire Commissioners, and on April 12, 1898 the Fire District was established. The District enacted Ordinance #1 which put into effect controls regarding stoves, stove pipes, furnaces, and many other issues that pertained to fire safety. There was still no active talk of organized firefighting or of an official department. Equipment still consisted of the old firefighting bucket brigade.

In September of 1905 another devastating fire served as a reminder that more needed to be done and in March of 1906, the Commission purchased a hand pumper engine, three hose carts, five hydrants, and some other equipment. Later that year a 40 member Volunteer Department was established and a Fire Chief, Foreman, Secretary, and Treasurer were elected.



Thus, Weaverville Fire Protection District and Weaverville Volunteer Fire Department became two entities working together, as one, to provide the community of Weaverville with a fire service.

Today the District, among other things, acts as the regulating agency and employs a full-time Fire Chief/Marshal to enforce such regulations. The Volunteer Fire Department is a registered 501c3 corporation and is responsible for the day to day business of responding to emergency calls.

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Firefighting

Volunteers comprise 73% of all firefighters in the United States. Our volunteer firefighters respond to a wide array of emergencies including structure and wildland fires, emergency medical incidents, hazardous material incidents, rescues and other general public assist calls. The public relies on Weaverville Fire Department's firefighters as their first line of defense in many of these emergencies. As a result, volunteers spend an enormous amount of time training for such emergencies, almost as if it is a second unpaid job.



Support Services

The goal of Support Services is to assist the volunteer firefighters before, during, and after an incident. The group consists of six key components: Logistics, EMS Support, Maintenance (including building and equipment), Technology, Public Events, and Marketing. Some of the services provided are:

- Cooking meals for firefighters during an incident.
- Assisting in firefighter rehab including transporting water and snacks to firefighters while on the fire lines
- Fundraising
- Recruitment and retention.

Benefits of being a Volunteer

Volunteering as a firefighter comes with a multitude of benefits. First and foremost is the knowledge of making a difference in the lives of people who live, work, and play in the community. Volunteering as a firefighter includes the following benefits:

- All required training is provided and paid for by the Fire District
- All required safety equipment and gear is provided and paid for by the Fire District.
- Worker Compensation Insurance is provided
- Family atmosphere and camaraderie that is tradition in the fire service.
- Learn life saving skills
- Sincere gratitude from the community for services provided.
- The chance to visit places outside of our County



How to Join.

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to help as an additional resource, please call 530-623-6156 or come to one of our meetings. We have regularly scheduled meetings the first Wednesday of each month. Starting at 6:00p.m. at the Weaverville Fire Station.

**To learn more about our Fire Department please visit:
www.wfdca.org**

RESPONSE FORM

If you are interested in joining our team please fill out this form and return to the Weaverville Fire Department.

I'm interested in the following areas:

- Firefighting
- Grant Writing
- Fundraising
- Food Preparation
- Marketing
- Cleaning
- Maintenance
- Other

Comments or other skills that might be helpful

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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