

DEFINITION OF A FIREFIGHTER

The Ponderosa Fire Department accepts the generic description of a firefighter member as produced by the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

A firefighter is a trained individual who promptly responds to mitigate a wide range and variety of emergency and non-emergency situations where life, property or the environment is at risk. A firefighter's assignments vary based on training, experience and ability.

A firefighter's duties include fire suppression (including structural, wild land, transportation and all other types of fires); fire prevention and public education; and may include emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and preparedness, technical rescues (extrication, water, high angle or confined space); urban search and rescue, disaster preparedness and mitigation; community service activities; public safety (including animal rescues, lockouts, and standbys); response to civil disturbances and terrorism incidents; non-emergency functions (such as training, pre-planning, communications, maintenance, research and development, and physical conditioning); and other related emergency and non-emergency duties as may be assigned or required.