

Greer Rural Fire Department - 2026

Mission: Serve and protect Greer ID area residents by providing fire prevention education and a fast initial firefighting response to structural fire threats. Arrive quickly, assess and respond immediately to fire threats in advance of mutual support partner arrival.

Background: In Sept 2025 GRFD secured property rights to a plot of land (.33 acre) via a 99 year lease generously provided by Clearwater County. By October, construction of a fire station on the property started, with the initial structure completed by volunteers by end 2025. The location is at the bottom of the Clearwater Canyon, the start of the fire district, the district continues 8 miles up Highway 11 to mile marker 8 (Fraser). The station is within 1 mile of 47 % of residents and within 5 miles of 71 % of area residents.

Operations: A 1000 gal fire truck is currently parked in the station and plans are to add an additional, and smaller, "TYPE 6" firetruck at the station in 2026. Station construction will continue for some time - but **the future of GRFD is dependent on getting new volunteers to enlist and drive our organization.**

GRFD is seeking volunteer firefighters to support Greer's firefighting efforts and to serve your neighbors and community. The time commitment for volunteers is relatively small asking only for participation of monthly meetings (1) and responding to the limited incidents that call for firefighter response in our district. Meetings are held on 3rd Sat of the month from 9 to 11 am at the fire station. Time will be spent in various training, maintenance or construction activities. Volunteers to support GRFD in other capacities (Station/Vehicle service, maintenance, fund raising, ect.) are always always appreciated for those that cannot meet firefighter standards.

**Starting February 21st, Meetings on 3rd Saturday of the month
from 9 to 11 am at the fire station, 15 Greer Road**

Our small community needs to stand together in responding to our fire threats. A threat that also impacts our access to affordable home and property insurance. Please contact one of the GRFD officers listed below to see how you can help yourselves and your community,

Fire Chief: Melana Whitaker: 208-827-3850

Commissioners:

Mike Thacker: 208-827-3698

Jenne Byrne: 831-801-0830

Matt Turner: 208-582-2809

Treasurer: Christine Betts: 208-553-7365

Recording Secretary: Connie Miller: 208-816-1041

GREER RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
Firefighter Volunteer Expectations

As part of becoming an active and productive member of the Greer Rural Fire Department, the following guidelines need to be considered in making a decision to volunteer your services to your neighborhood and community.

If you are not able to meet these listed minimum requirements, we thank you for your interest in serving your community. However, we must decline to accept your application to join, for not only YOUR personal safety, but for that of other volunteers whose lives may depend on you.

1. Respond to fire call outs whenever possible, based upon availability and family/work obligations.
2. Participate in Monday Night "Test Tones" (To test all radios & pagers) as much as possible, based upon family and work obligations.
3. Attend monthly scheduled training meeting (3rd Saturday of the Month, Fire Station at 9 - 11 am) as much as possible, based upon family and work obligations. We strongly encourage you to attend.
4. Become knowledgeable in the SAFE use of all equipment utilized by the GRFD.
5. Become knowledgeable in the SAFE operating tactics used by the GRFD in fighting fires.
6. Physical test - walk 1 mile in 16 minutes (Same as Basic OFD requirement). Note; the Fire chief, or asst. Fire chief, can appoint anybody they deem fit for duty to a specific role.

For those who can not regularly attend monthly training meetings, attending self learning or other training may be arranged. Participation in Annual Fire Academy training is also available to active volunteers.

At some point in time, if your schedule changes and you feel you no longer are able to contribute, or if you move out of the district, you agree to turn in your PPE and any other GRFD equipment for assignment to **NEW** volunteers.

The Greer Rural Fire Department takes seriously the commitment you have made by becoming a volunteer and we thank you in advance for your service.

Applicant Name

Date

Chief / Asst. Chief

Date

Greer Rural Fire District
Firefighter Application Form

Personal information on this form is collect under the authority of the Freedom of Information Act, and will be used to determine eligibility as a Volunteer Fire Fighter. Questions about this collection of personal information should be directed to Greer Fire Chief or Asst. Fire Chief.

Name _____ email address: _____

Address: _____ Age: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Text: Yes / No

Drivers License # _____ DOB: _____

Employment History:

Name of present/most recent Employer: _____

Address: _____

Duties/Responsibilities: _____

Have you discussed with your employer the fact that you are applying for a position with the Greer Rural Fire Department? Yes [] No [] If yes, did your employer express any negative reaction? _____

Have you discussed your joining the fire dept. with your spouse or family members? Were they supportive? _____

Education and Experience:

Fire Fighting Experience and Training: _____

First Aid Training: _____

Please list any special skills or abilities that you possess which you feel would be beneficial to the fire district _____

General Background:

Do you understand fire fighting can be very dangerous and even life threatening? _____

Why do you want to be a firefighter?

Are you available to respond to emergencies during:

The daytime? Y / N
The Night? Y / N
The Weekends? Y / N

Please provide two character references that we may contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

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I, _____ authorize the Greer Rural Fire District to contact any persons or organizations for the purpose of obtaining any reference information including information contained in my personnel file. These persons are authorized to disclose such information. Potential members will be interviewed by Fire Commissioners and/or the Fire Chief.

Accepted applicants are subject to a probationary period and are required to successfully complete minimum training requirements before full status is granted.

Phases of construction. Check out our webpage for all the updates, meeting dates, pictures, newsletters, ways to donate and more regarding Greer Rural Fire District. <https://cvfda.org/greer-rfd>



Meet Our Firechief:

Melana Whitaker is taking over as Fire Chief for Greer Rural Fire District. Melana has a lot of firefighting experience and is looking forward to getting her new team working together in the community. If you want to join the team, Mel's contact information is on page 1. First Volunteer Firefighter Meeting, Saturday, Feb 21 at 9 am. Come and see what it's all about! Hope to see you there!

