Pullman Fire Department
Reserve Firefighters

The Pullman Fire Department is composed of both full-time City employees, and Reserve Firefighters. Reserve Firefighters must attend the department training academy before being allowed to participate fully with the mission of the Pullman Fire Department. Once completed with both the fire academy and the First Responder course, Reserve Firefighters respond on fire and EMS calls as well as Hazardous Material releases and service calls. There are numerous opportunities to participate in specialty teams and training once a member of the department.

So you want to be a Firefighter?

Who can be a Pullman Reserve Firefighter?

Each year Pullman Fire hires new recruits to train to be a Pullman Fire Reserve. To be considered for employment, you must meet these minimum qualifications:

- Age - Minimum of 18 years at the time of appointment to recruit academy.
- Education - High School diploma or equivalent
- Citizen of the United States
- Good moral character, as verified by a background check.
- Valid driver’s license and a good driving record.
- Health - Must be in good physical health.
- Reside within one mile of Pullman City limits
- Own or have access to a motor vehicle.
- Applicant must be a resident of Pullman.
- Applicant must stay in Pullman during the first summer of employment
- Applicant must be able to provide a minimum of three years service to the department.

What does a Pullman Reserve Firefighter do?

Reserve firefighters will be assigned duties based on demonstrated proficiency, the amount of training, and the length of service. All reserve firefighters shall maintain proficiency of their assignments with regard to the standards of the department. Reserve firefighters are assigned approximately 9 duty nights per month (1800-0600) in which they respond to the station for calls during this period.

When the Reserves are not responding to emergency calls, they participate in many different community service events. Such as providing medical aid at WSU and Pullman High School football games, and other events. Teaching First-Aid and CPR classes (when certified). Participating in parades and at the 4th of July celebration.

Where do Pullman Fire Reserves serve?

When there is an emergency call, on duty reserves will respond to Station 32 on North Grand and Terre View Drive.

The reserves serve the city of Pullman, the city of Palouse, and several small communities outside of the Pullman city limits.

When are Pullman Fire Reserve applications taken?

Applications are taken anytime. However reserve testing and training is only completed once a year. The deadline to turn in applications for this year is September 21st, 2012. Applicants will be notified of the testing time and location. Contact Operations Officer Mike Heston at (509) 338-3272 (fax 332-4460) or via the online contact form . if you have additional questions.

The process to become a reserve is as follows:

- Application screening and written exam (70% passing)
- Physical strength and agility test
- Oral interview
- Background check
- Medical examination
- Recruit academy

How do I get an application?

You can get an application by going to Station 1 on South Grand, or you can download them from this website. Be sure to download and fill out all the required information.

	Document
Physical Test	PATEST.pdf
Application	ReserveApplication.pdf

Recruit Academy

Pullman Fire assumes their recruits are at ground zero. They provide instruction for recruits to become state certified First Responders. Pullman also trains the recruits to a level equivalent to that of Fire Fighter I. This training is completed in a "recruit academy". The recruits receive about 130 hours of training.

During the training, the recruits will attend about 2 months of medical training lecture and practicals. The final 3 months are spent learning and practicing fire fighting techniques.

Pictures and stories from the 1999 Recruit Academy

There are more photos from the 2007 Recruit Academy

Examples of the Duties of a Reserve Firefighter

- Drives apparatus to the scene of an emergency call. Protects life and property by extinguishing fires or providing medical aid.
- Uses specialized hand and power tools to disentangle and extricate individuals from the scene of an accident.
- Conducts weekly vehicle and equipment maintenance.
- Attends weekly training sessions.
- Makes presentations to the public on an assigned subject basis.
- Performs other tasks as assigned.

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