



**PVES is seeking Volunteer Firefighters
of at least 18 years of age
with valid driver license**

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

PVES Education Programs

Firefighting

Self-paced firefighter training program approved by State Firemen's and Fire Marshall's Association (SFFMA).

Blended course work; on-line and face-to-face. (ex. On-line session of the criteria and steps for setting up an air medical landing zone, followed by a face-to-face activity of setting up a landing zone in the field.)

Costs Reimbursed to Active Volunteers.

Option to challenge Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) certification exam, leading to a potential career in Firefighting.

EMS

Funding of EMT and/or Paramedic education through Grayson College.

Waivers:

Texas Education Code, Section 54.353, Firefighters Enrolled in Fire Science Courses, includes EMS education; requires 1 year of service and continued active volunteer participation.

Texas Education Code, Section 54.341, The Hazelwood Act, waives tuition for eligible veterans and their dependents.

Grants:

Pell, HB2604.

Scholarships:

Douglas Q. Martin Memorial Scholarship,

Expected Experiences as a PVES Volunteer Firefighter

Firefighting

Access to, and participation in, live fire and rescue mitigation experiences while in training and not yet certified or licensed.

Access to unique training events, such as attending the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) fire training school at Brayton Field in College Station.

EMS

Access to, and participation in the care of, live emergency medical/trauma encounters under the direction of Preston EMS employees, while in training and not yet certified or licensed.

Career Options as a PVES Volunteer Firefighter

Firefighting

Upon successful completion of Volunteer Firefighter education programs: Challenge TCFP certification examination, which establishes eligibility for employment with private, municipal, and other governmental firefighting organizations.

EMS

Upon successful certification/ licensure as an EMT and/or Paramedic: eligibility for employment with EMS agencies, including Preston EMS, as well as employment with other healthcare agencies.

Expectations of the PVES Volunteer Firefighter

- ...are expected to give a minimum number of volunteer hours per month to PVES.
- ...who live within the Preston Fire Rescue district, may respond from home.
- ...who do not live within the district, must schedule volunteer hours at the fire station.
- ...have access to living quarters (private sleeping quarters, lockers, full bath, full kitchen).
- ...are expected to attend regular monthly firefighter meetings and training sessions.

Contact prestonfirechief@pves.org for more information.