

ROGUE VALLEY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to identify minimum standards and service delivery expectations applicable to **private for-profit fire companies**, hereafter referred to as **“Private Fire Service Providers” (PFSP’s)** as a pre-requisite for inclusion in the Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs (RVFCA) Mutual/Automatic Aid Agreement Jackson/Josephine Counties, hereafter referred to as the “Mutual Aid Agreement”).

While municipal fire department, fire districts and state and federal agencies, hereafter referred to as Government Fire Agencies (GFAs) provide the bulk of fire/rescue services throughout Jackson and Josephine Counties, some areas are served by PFSP’s.

And while it is in the best interests of the member agencies of the GFA’s to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with PFSP’s, it is also recognized that due to the for-profit nature of these organizations the GFAs are bound by State and Federal law to insure that such non-monetary exchange of services is mutually beneficial and does not result in a form of government subsidy for the PFSP’s.

And while it is recognized that the GFAs are bound by a host of state and federal laws and regulations, it is also understood that there are a minimal number of laws and regulations applicable to the PFSP’s. It is therefore in the best interest of all concerned that the RVFCA establishes these minimum standards for PFSP’s.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Mutual Aid Agreement is only open to PFSP’s that are members in good standing of the RVFCA, per the then current bi-laws of the association. Per paragraph ten (10) of the Mutual Aid Agreement, said membership does not guarantee inclusion in the Mutual Aid Agreement, rather applicants “...shall first be recommended for addition by the RVFCA and be approved by the chief executive of each of the existing parties.” PFSP application for “recommendation for inclusion” shall include the following:

1. Documentation verifying that the PFSP is a legal entity entitled to conduct business in the State of Oregon. Included shall be any assumed business names under which

the PFSP operates, together with a statement identifying the members of its Board of Directors, partners, and limited partners, managing members or other persons having a financial interest in its operations.

2. A letter of support from the local Fire Defense Board.
3. A written statement verifying the ability to comply with all policies of the RVFCA.
4. A map of the area served by the PFSP. The map will identify station locations and a list of vehicles by type, utilizing the vehicle typing standards of the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Mobilization Plan.
5. Documentation verifying that the PFSP has secured the services of an approved Supervising Physician, *and* registration with the Oregon State Health Division as an entity responding to emergency medical incidents.
6. Documentation verifying an Insurance Services Office class eight (8) or better.
7. Documentation verifying that all PFSP firefighters engaged in firefighting activities meet State of Oregon OSHA requirements for firefighters, *and/or* are certified by the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards & Training to the level of NFPA Firefighter One (1).
8. Documentation verifying that all PFSP emergency vehicles are titled and "registered" with the DMV (non-registered registration certificate), and that said vehicles are designated as an "emergency vehicles" pursuant to ORS 801.260.
9. Documentation verifying that the PFSP operates or contracts with a communications center staffed on a 24 / 7 / 365 basis by Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards & Training certified telecommunications personnel.
10. Documentation verifying that the PFSP has a minimum of one (1) FCC frequency licensed for public safety use.
11. Documentation verifying the PFSP maintains minimum insurance as follows.
 - Comprehensive general liability coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 per occurrence; \$3,000,000 general aggregate
 - General business automobile combined single limit liability in the amount of \$2,000,000
 - Professional/Malpractice coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 general aggregate.
 - Employment Practices coverage combined single limit in the amount of \$1,000,000.

- Workers Compensation coverage shall be in amounts not less than required by applicable state law. Such coverage shall cover volunteers as well as full, part-time and seasonal employees.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The PFSP shall notify the RVFCA of any change in status of the above information within thirty (30) days. The RVFCA reserves the right to review and revoke any previously given recommendation for inclusion in the Mutual Aid Agreement with thirty (30) days written notice.