



## ***Frenchtown Rural Fire District***

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To Whom It May Concern:

Frenchtown Rural Fire District (FRFD) is reaching out to select high schools across the country to inform them of the FRFD Resident Firefighter Program.

Our program, located in Frenchtown, Montana, offers highly motivated high school graduates an exciting opportunity to begin an emergency services career while serving alongside FRFD's Career and Volunteer Firefighters.

Accepted candidates will participate in a three-year program designed to professionally prepare them for success in the hiring process of a highly competitive career field.

During the first year, program participants will be trained and certified in structure & wildland firefighting, licensed as a practicing Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and begin certifying in several technical rescue courses.


During the second and third years, program participants will participate in a higher education program. This program will provide an opportunity to earn additional certifications and/or licensure up to an Associate of Science Degree in Fire and Emergency Services. Degree accreditation is provided through our partnership with Helena College and the Montana Fire Service Training School, Montana State University. All accredited training courses are taught within FRFD facilities or online in accordance with state and nationally recognized standards.

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be qualified to pursue a career in emergency services throughout the country. Graduates will discover the training and experience they receive as a resident will put them ahead of the competition. Many of our former residents have transitioned to fulfilling careers and credit their success to our program.

Resident Firefighters live rent-free in one of our active fire stations. Each resident has their own room and shares a common bathroom, kitchen, and day room with career firefighters and other residents. Resident shifts are on a rotating basis and are designed to allow program participants the ability to work full or part-time and allow for adequate study time. The entire program is provided free of charge (100% tuition reimbursement) in exchange for a three-year commitment along with successful program and degree completion.

If you have interested students, please encourage them to contact Lt. Schnee for more information at [recruiting@frenchtownfire.org](mailto:recruiting@frenchtownfire.org) or 406-626-5791.

Sincerely,



Joe Calnan  
Fire Chief





# Frenchtown Rural Fire District



Frenchtown Rural Fire District is a combination department consisting of volunteer, career and support personnel who work closely together to provide professional emergency response services to the communities of Frenchtown, Alberton, Huson, Evaro and Missoula, Montana.



Located in western Montana, the district is an all-hazard response department with a wide variety of terrain, weather and infrastructure. Notable are over 30 miles of Interstate 90, hundreds of miles of state, rural and residential roadways. Crossing the district is heavy use rail line that sees daily transportation of all types of cargo, including industrial and commercial product transportation, lumber, coal, oil, processed fuels and chemicals, and countless consumer goods. Outdoor recreation is abundant with access to hiking, fishing, hunting, cycling and climbing among the many activi-

ties and backcountry adventures available to the outdoor enthusiast. The recreational use of the nationally known Clark Fork River and Alberton Gorge provide challenging adventures in and on the water. Our close proximity to the Missoula International Airport along with the varied industrial and commercial ventures throughout the area require close cooperation and training with our neighboring agencies. The majority of the district's residents live in close proximity to or within a beautiful and expansive wildland urban interface surrounded by National Forests and State Lands that provide secluded rural living with quick access to the nearby city of Missoula. The Frenchtown area is centrally located between Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks, and just a short driving distance from the Bob Marshal and Selway Bitterroot Wilderness areas and the Lolo and Stevensville National Forests. There is something for everyone within the Frenchtown Missoula valley area!





## **VOLUNTEER**

Traditional Volunteers live within the district and serve their community through 911 response, continuous training, event participation and administrative support .

Non-traditional Volunteers live outside of the district and serve in the same manner as our Traditional Volunteers in exchange for certifications, experience, and agency affiliation.



## **RESIDENT VOLUNTEER**

Resident Volunteers live within the district's stations and adhere to a set shift and training schedule while taking part in a focused training and education program designed to assist in preparation for a successful career in emergency services.



## **CAREER**

Local 4654 Career Firefighters are full-time employees of the district providing professional structure, wildland, rescue and emergency medical response. In addition, the career firefighters assist with administrative duties, including but not limited to; public education, fire prevention, member training, career development, and preventative health services.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE CONTACT:**

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16875 Marion St  
Frenchtown MT, 59834**

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# Frenchtown Rural Fire District

## Resident Firefighter Program

*Resident firefighters live and work alongside professionally trained Career and Volunteer Firefighters while earning nationally recognized certifications and an Associate Degree in Fire and Emergency Services.*



## ***YOUR CAREER STARTS HERE!***

**100% Tuition Reimbursement Available!**

**Application Deadline 5/31/24**

**Contact Us Today!**

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**FRENCHTOWN**  
RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RESIDENT PROGRAM



FRENCHTOWNFIRE

  
**HELENA** COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA





## **FRENCHTOWN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT RESIDENT PROGRAM**

The Frenchtown Rural Fire District Resident Program offers highly motivated individuals an exciting opportunity to begin and develop a career in emergency services while gaining real world experience serving alongside professional Career and Volunteer Firefighters.

In cooperation with Helena College, located in Helena Montana, program participants will earn an Associate of Science Degree in Fire and Emergency Services.

Upon successful completion of the three-year program, graduates will be qualified to successfully pursue a career in emergency services. Many of our former Residents have transitioned to fulfilling careers and credit their success to our program.

The entire program is provided free of charge with 100% of the college tuition reimbursed upon successful program and degree completion in exchange for a three-year commitment to Frenchtown Rural Fire District that runs concurrently with program participation.



### **Associate of Science (A.S.) Fire and Emergency Services**

The Helena College Fire and Emergency Services program is designed to prepare graduates for entry into the challenging and competitive field of fire and emergency services. The program concentrates on industry recognized certifications and the U.S. Fire Administration's Federal Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education Curriculum, while also providing the student with a well-rounded general education and 4-year degree transfer opportunities. Successful students will be well-trained and qualified to enter and advance in careers with fire and emergency services agencies across Montana and around the country.

Upon successful completion of the A.S. program, a student will be able to:

- Demonstrate professional conduct by displaying a positive work ethic, flexibility, teamwork, physical fitness, safety consciousness, and sensitivity to diversity.
- Demonstrate basic fire fighter skills in the areas of structural firefighting, wildland firefighting, hazardous materials, and emergency response.
- Effectively communicate and interact in the workplace as well as in the community.
- Be able to function at the NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter I Level
- Demonstrate basic knowledge of fire protection systems, fire prevention, and technical rescue techniques.
- Be able to function at the NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter II Level

The cooperation between Helena College and Frenchtown Rural Fire District offers students the opportunity to earn an Associate of Science in Fire and Emergency Services while living and working in a fire station as a resident volunteer.

Benefits of the Residency Program can include:

- Room and board
- Full tuition reimbursement upon successful completion of program
- Additional training opportunities
- Agency affiliation
- Long lasting professional and personal relationships
- Invaluable experience gained through active 911 response

Please note that the admissions processes for the Frenchtown Resident Program and Helena College are separate and independent from one another and that admission into one does not guarantee acceptance into the other.

For more information, please contact:

Recruitment & Retention  
Frenchtown Rural Fire District  
Phone: (406) 626-5791  
Email: [recruiting@frenchtownfire.org](mailto:recruiting@frenchtownfire.org)

Office of Admissions  
Helena College  
Phone: (406) 447-6900  
Email: [admissions@helenacollege.edu](mailto:admissions@helenacollege.edu)

### **Frenchtown Rural Fire District - Training Course Outline**

#### **YEAR 1**

NREMT  
IFSAC/PRO BOARD  
NWCG  
NFA

EMT Basic  
FSTS Firefighter 1  
Basic Wildland Firefighter S-130  
Low Angle Rescue Operations

#### **YEAR 2**

IFSAC/ PRO BOARD  
NFA  
NWCG  
NFA  
Helena College

FSTS Firefighter 2  
Ice Rescue Technician  
Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior S-290  
Swift Water Rescue  
Semester 1 & 2

#### **YEAR 3**

MONTANA STATE  
NWCG  
IFSAC/PRO BOARD  
Helena College

EMT Endorsements  
Engine/Crew Boss S-230/231  
Driver Operator  
Semester 3 & 4







## Resident Site Academic Pathways Map

### Fire and Emergency Services

A.S.

Law and Public Safety

#### Start Here

CREDIT BY CERTIFICATION (CREDIT BY EXAM)		CREDITS	CERT	✓
FIRE101	PRINCIPLES OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES I	4	FSTS FF1	
FIRE102	PRINCIPLES OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES II	4	FSTS FF1	
FIRE110	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OPERATIONS	2	FSTS FF1	
FIRE131	FIRE APPARATUS AND HYDRAULICS	4	D/O P	
FIRE106	WILDLAND FIRE FIGHTING	3	WILD FF2	
FIRE202	FIRE FIGHTER II	5	FSTS FF2	

**TOTAL CREDITS BY CERTIFICATION 22**

HELENA COLLEGE CLASSES		CREDITS	SPR/FALL	✓
M121 or M105	COLLEGE ALGEBRA or CONTEMPORARY MATH	3		
BIOH104	BASIC HUMAN BIOLOGY	4		
AHMS144	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	3		
NASX105	INTRODUCTION TO NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES	3		
COMX115	INTRODUCTION TO INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION	3		
WRIT101	COLLEGE WRITING I	3		
CORE NAT. SCI.	ADDITIONAL CORE NATURAL SCIENCE CLASS	3-4		
PSYX100 or S&P/H	INTRO TO PSYCHOLOGY or CORE SOCIAL & PSYCH/HISTORY	3		
PSYX240 or S&P/H	FUND. OF ABNORMAL PSYCH or CORE SOCIAL & PSYCH/HIST.	3		
SPNS101 or Hum/FA	ELEMENTARY SPANISH or CORE HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS	3-4		
SPNS102 or Hum/FA	ELEMENTARY SPANISH II or CORE HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS	3-4		
FIRE234	FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS	2	SPRING	
FIRE261	BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FOR FIRE PROTECTION	2	FALL	
FIRE270	FIRE PREVENTION	2	FALL	
FIRE298	FIRE SERVICE INTERNSHIP	2		
FIRE298	FIRE SERVICE INTERNSHIP	2		
FIRE298	FIRE SERVICE INTERNSHIP	2		
FIRE299	CAPSTONE	2	SPRING	

**TOTAL CREDITS 48-51**

**You are finished!**



**Pathway Advising Notes:** Note that at least 15 credits must be at the 200 level.

**Course Advising Notes:**

**FIRE 101, 102, 110:** Current Montana IFSAC/Proboard Firefighter 1 Certification.

**FIRE106:** NWCG S-130, S-190, L-180.

**FIRE131:** Current Montana IFSAC/Proboard Driver/Operator Pumping Apparatus Certification.

**FIRE202:** Current Montana IFSAC/Proboard Firefighter II Certification.

**M121:** Required. Higher level may be substituted. M105 may be substituted if student is advised of potential reduced BS transfer options.

**BIOH104:** Required. Paramedic prerequisite.

**AHMS144:** Required. Paramedic prerequisite.

**COMX115:** Required. Paramedic prerequisite.

**WRIT101:** Required. Paramedic prerequisite. Higher level may be substituted.

**FIRE234:** Required.

**FIRE261:** Required.

**FIRE270:** Required.

**PSYX100 or Social Science/History:** PSYX100 is recommended Social & Psychological Sciences/History.

**NASX105:** Recommended Diversity.

**SPNS101 or Core Humanities/Fine Art:** SPNS101 is recommended Humanities/Fine Arts.

**Core Natural Science:** One additional natural science required.

**PSYX240 or Social Science/History:** PSYX240 is recommended Social & Psychological Sciences/History

**SPNS102 or Humanities/Fine Art:** SPNS102 is recommended Humanities/Fine Arts.

**FIRE298:** Resident site students must take FIRE298 the first fall and must take 3 times during degree.

**FIRE299:** Required.