

BAKERSFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Bakersfield Fire Department (BFD) was formally established May 13, 1877 as the official Fire Department of the City of Bakersfield. The Department has been in continual operation since that inception date, and has evolved as a progressive fire agency protecting the city and greater metropolitan area.

The Bakersfield Fire Department is a multi-dimensional public safety organization, and includes an "all-risk" approach in its emergency service delivery system. The BFD provides fire suppression, emergency medical services, vehicle and technical rescue, hazardous materials mitigation, water rescue, and other life safety services around-the-clock to a growing community of over 300,000 citizens.

DEDICATED PERSONNEL

With 225 sworn, support, and reserve personnel operating from fourteen Fire Stations located throughout the City, the Bakersfield Fire Department is ready to meet challenges within the community, region and state. As an Insurance Services Office (ISO) rated Class 3 Fire Department, the BFD resides in the top 4% of Fire Departments nationwide, and is the highest rated firefighting agency in Kern County.

The men and women of the Bakersfield Fire Department are among the finest the community has to offer. A BFD

Firefighter spends a significant amount of his or her career training for the complex, three-dimensional life safety problems they will be called upon to deal with in the local urban environment. The Department is proud to offer a diverse work-force of dedicated personnel possessing a variety of skills, talents, and abilities. BFD personnel are motivated public service professionals, dedicated to serving their community.

A PROUD COMMUNITY PARTNER

The BFD also provides a wide array of non-emergency services related to fire prevention, fire safety education, code enforcement, and disaster preparedness. The Department values community alliances and public participation as part of its service delivery process through Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, collaborative efforts with the Salvation Army and Red Cross, partnerships with various community groups, non-profit organizations and governmental agencies, as well as the timely dissemination of public information.

The Bakersfield Fire Department continues to pursue progressive emergency service delivery in an expanding urban community. The men and women of the BFD are ready to meet those challenges, and are proud and honored to continue the tradition of City Fire Department service that began over 130 years ago.

BECOMING A BFD FIREFIGHTER

Firefighter candidates must meet the following requirements prior to applying to the BFD:

- 18 years of age
- Possess a valid California Driver's License
- Possess a high school diploma or GED
- Possess a California State Firefighter 1 Academy certificate
- Possess a valid CPAT certificate (Candidate Physical Ability Test)

Firefighter candidates may possess these desirable qualifications prior to applying to the BFD:

- AA/AS, BA/BS, MA/MS degrees or other college level course work
- Paramedic certification (EMT-P)
- Previous full-time paid, part-time, or volunteer Firefighting experience
- State Fire Marshal Office (SFMO) certifications

BFD Firefighter Examination Process

Firefighter candidates must pass a five (5) part examination process that includes:

- Written examination
- Oral interview
- Psychological examination
- Medical examination
- Polygraph examination

Firefighter candidates that are successful in the testing process will be placed on an initial eligibility list according to their final scores. Final interviews will be conducted to determine which Firefighter candidates receive formal job offers.

BFD Firefighter Trainee Academy

BFD Firefighter Trainees must pass the sixteen (16) week, academically rigorous and physically demanding Bakersfield Fire Academy that includes didactic and manipulative instruction in:

- Basic firefighting theory
- Customer service
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Hazardous Materials Technician
- Heavy and Technical rescue
- Leadership
- Live structural & flammable liquid firefighting
- Physical conditioning
- Wild-land firefighting

BFD Probationary Firefighter Period

BFD Probationary Firefighters must successfully complete a six (6) month probationary period including a final examination process designed to test their competency in the skills necessary for employment as a fully classified Firefighter with the Bakersfield Fire Department.



AT A GLANCE BAKERSFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

- ISO Class 3 Fire Department
- Serving over 300,000 residents
- Multidimensional public safety organization
- Providing "all-risk" emergency services
- Established in 1877

Emergency Services

- Fire suppression response
- Emergency medical response
- Heavy and technical rescue response
- Hazardous materials response
- Water rescue response

Non-emergency Services

- Fire code enforcement
- Building and development review
- Environmental services
- Fire safety education
- Disaster preparedness
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training
- Public information

Resources

- 225 sworn, support and reserve personnel
- 14 Fire Stations
- 14 Engine Companies
- 3 Ladder Truck Companies
- 1 State Office of Emergency Services (OES) Engine
- 4 Light Engines (Type III)
- 2 Patrols (Type IV)
- 1 USAR Heavy Rescue
- 1 Heavy Utility Unit
- 1 Hazardous Materials Response Unit
- 1 Swift-water Rescue Response Unit
- 1 Light & Air Unit
- 8 Command Vehicles
- 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center



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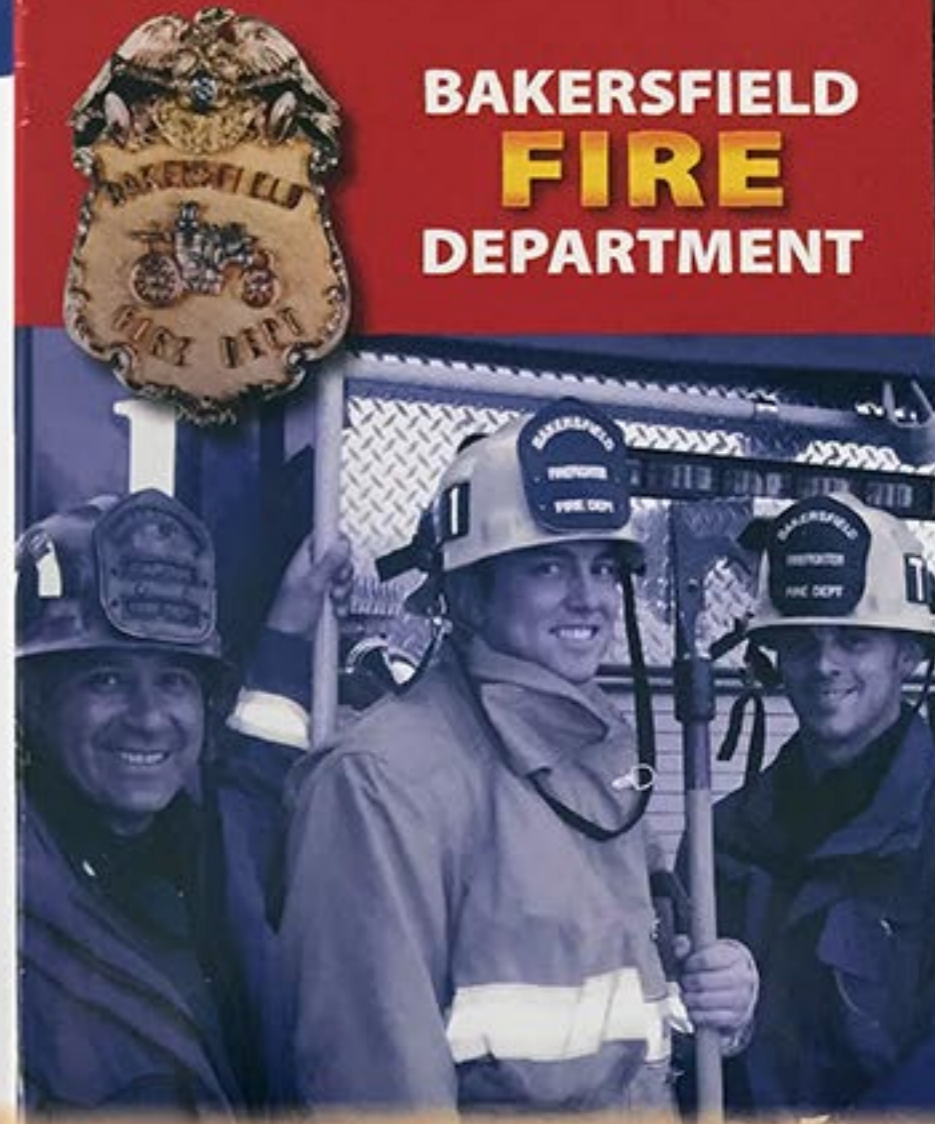
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PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION

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www.BakersfieldFire.us



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MISSION STATEMENT

To protect life, property, and the environment from harm through:

- Education and Prevention
- Emergency Response
- Planning and Training
- Interagency Collaboration
- Community Alliance

