



Lane Fire Authority

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Lane Fire Authority Ambulance Observer General Information

Lane Fire Authorities operates an ALS (Advanced Life Support) ambulance service with an Ambulance Service Area that includes several fire districts and extends into two other counties. Lane Fire Authority has 2 full time 24hr staffed ALS ambulances, and 1 ALS day car (8am to 5pm) that respond to over 5,000 EMS calls in a calendar year.

If you are interested in participating in Lane Fire Authorities Ambulance Observer Program, please read through the following information below:

- Please know that emergency service response can be a potentially hazardous profession, we respond to motor vehicle accidents, structure fires, rescue operations, and medical calls both in an urban and rural setting. Because of this, as an observer you may be exposed to individuals with contagious or communicable diseases (Covid-19, Hepatitis, Tuberculosis, etc.) or individuals who may have sustained significant traumatic injuries. Because of this you will be required to wear a facial covering during any and all 911 calls for service.
- During your observation time you will not be expected or allowed to provide any patient care, or act in a first responder capacity despite any medical accreditation or certification you may hold.
- During your observation time you will be under the supervision and direction of Lane Fire Authority medic unit crews, the officers of Lane Fire Authority, and will be expected to comply with Standard Operating Guidelines and Procedures set forth by Lane Fire Authority.
- When responding with Lane Fire Authority to call for service, the general public may not know the difference between an observer and an ALS Paramedic. Therefore, during your observation ride you are representing Lane Fire Authority!



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- Observation rides are scheduled M-F from 8am to 5pm, between the months of October and June. Observers are not allowed to stay overnight, or on weekends. We do not schedule observation rides during the summer month due to student paramedics priority.
- Dress attire for observation rides shall be business casual, shirt preferably collared and pants either blue, black, or tan. No athletic wear, sweat pants, or jeans. No clothing with identifying marks or writing and in good condition, with sturdy footwear of brown or black color.
- Lane Fire Authority does not permit observers to ride or respond on fire apparatus (engines, ladders trucks, tenders, or brush trucks), observation rides are limited to the ambulance only.
- Lane Fire Authority does not accept application from second or third parties.
- Please know that emergency service response can be very unpredictable. Call volume can and does changes day to day. There may be no calls during your observation ride time, or you may not be back in quarters for the entirety of your observation ride time.

To start your application process for an observation ride, please see the directions below:

- a. Please complete the "Ambulance Observer Application" found at our website, or follow the link provided [Application](#)
- b. Once you have completed and submitted your application, a member of Lane Fire Authorities Training Department will be in contact with you in 4-5 business days prior to your observation ride date at our Irving Station 115 (29999 Hallett Eugene, OR 97402)
- c. You will be required prior to your observation ride date to complete training on the topics of Bloodborne pathogens, and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). This can take up to 1 hours and may be completed at the time of your ride, or at a pre-scheduled date prior to your ride.
- d. On the day of you schedule observation ride, please try to arrive 15 minutes early, be dressed appropriately, bring with you a sack lunch that can be easily carried (you may be eating in the medic unit in-between calls), a book to read or something to do during down time, and a friendly positive attitude!