

Firefighter Vocational Training Program Overview

OCFD6 has been awarded a grant from the Bruno and Evelyn Betti Foundation to establish and operate a Firefighter Vocational training Program.

The purpose of the Grant is to:

Develop and implement an OCFD6 enhanced firefighter training program with a focus to:

- 1) encouraging current volunteer firefighters to improve their skills and continue as volunteers or pursue firefighting as a career.
- 2) recruiting new (high school, veterans, and other) candidates, to pursue firefighting as a volunteer or as a career.

The program includes:

- 1) development of the training curriculum
- 2) staff to coordinate and run the program
- 3) design, construction, and upgrade training facilities
- 4) acquisition of state-of-the-art equipment for training
- 5) recruiting candidates for firefighter training
- 6) funding of students training and certification costs
- 7) funding a 'volunteer residency' program

Certifications available to Cadets include:

Firefighter I (FFI) – Structural Firefighter, Washington State
HazMat – Awareness and Operations, Washington State
Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) – Wildland Firefighter, National
Incident Commander Type 5 (ICT5) – Wildland Incidents, National
1st Aid/CPR/AED – American Heart Association, National
FFA 170 Drone Pilots License, National

Schedule:

The program will be implemented over a period of 4 years. The primary effort per Phase is as follows:

- Phase 1 – Develop curriculum, hire or contract coordinator/trainer/administrator, initiate school promotion program, purchase training materials and equipment.
Plan and construct training and residency facilities.
- Phase 2 – Select candidates, conduct inaugural training program.
Complete construction of training facilities.
Initiate Drone training program and operations.
- Phase 3 – Select candidates, conduct training program.
Seek grants to continue program.
- Phase 4 – Select candidates, conduct training program, seek grants to continue the program.

Information about the Grant can be found at <http://okanogancountyfd6.com/>