

North Whiteshell Volunteer Fire Department Volunteer Duties Description

The NWVFD is planning to initially provide a service that is focused on defensive firefighting. There is hope that in the future this department will grow and provide a higher level of structural firefighting. The first phase in the development of this department will be focused on wildland / urban interface firefighting utilizing a defensive strategy with equipment placed throughout the park in enclosed trailers that will be towed to a scene and utilized by volunteers.

The minimum level of training that will be required to be a volunteer with the NWVFD will consist of first aid / CPR, ICS 100, and a 2 day wildland / urban interface course that will be taught by the Manitoba Emergency Services College at a location within the park.

First Aid / CPR courses will be the responsibility of the volunteer. ICS 100 is available online to do at:

http://www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca/mesc_online_ics_reg.html

First Aid / CPR, and ICS 100 are pre requisites for the wildland / urban interface course and must be completed prior to registration.

Volunteers are required to supply their own CSA approved boots to be worn during practical training evolutions, as well as to wear while on fire scenes. All other personal protective equipment will be provided by the NWVFD.

Volunteers will be expected to be able to perform the following tasks:

- Possibly pulling an enclosed trailer with their own vehicle from a storage location to a fire scene.
- Scene size up and development of an incident action plan.
- Lifting / operating portable pumps
- Setting up portable tanks
- Moving and establishing hose lines
- Climbing ladders

- Utilizing chainsaws and other gas powered tools
- Utilizing hand tools (axes, shovels, pulaski, etc.)
- Installing sprinkler systems on adjacent structures
- Checking and maintaining equipment
- Filling out equipment logbooks
- Regular drill / training sessions
- Effective communication