

Becoming An Osseo Firefighter: What to Expect

Complete 4 classes your first year:

•	EMR ~4 full-day cla		asses over 2 weekends:	~32 hours
•	Firefighter I ~22 evening of		classes and 1 Saturday class:	~80 hours
•	Firefighter II ~6 evening cl		asses and 2 Saturday classes:	~40 hours
•	HazMat Ops ~12 evening of		classes and 2 Saturday classes:	~60 hours
Atten	d 1 meeting night	t per month	:	
•	OFDRA Meeting		2 nd Thursday of each month	7:00 – 7:30 pm
•	OFD Department Meeting		2 nd Thursday of each month	7:30 – 8:30 pm
	* Must attend a minimum of 1 regularly-scheduled meeting night each quarter.			
Attend 1-2 drill nights per month:				
•	OFD Drill Night		1^{st} and 3^{rd} Thursday of each month	6:00 – 9:00 pm
	* Must attend a minimum of 4 regularly-scheduled drills each quarter.			

Respond to around 5 emergency incidents per month:

- OFD typically receives about 25 calls per month.
 - * Must respond to a minimum of 20% of all calls each quarter.

Participate in community events:

• Members are encouraged to participate in the Firefighter's Dance, Easter Egg Hunt, Night to Unite, Lion's Roar, Steak Fry, Halloween Parade, and Minidazzle.

Pay & Pension:

- Members are paid \$11.71 per hour for calls, drills, and activities.
- Payroll is run once per year in December.
- Members serving 10 years or more are eligible for a one-time lump-sum pension payment.
- Pension is paid at 50% of \$2,000 per year of service at 10 years, increasing 5% each year.
- Pension is paid at 100% of \$2,000 per year for service of 20 years or more.

Other:

- Must be able to respond within 7 minutes from home or work.
- By OSHA standards for SCBA use, firefighters must remain clean-shaven (no beards).