

**ASPENDELL SOUTH FORK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
SERVICE STATEMENT
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SERVICES STATEMENT:

The Aspendell and South-Fork Volunteer Fire Department:

- Is a 501c(3) non-profit, non-governmental charitable organization supported solely by non-government, private charitable donations
- Volunteers are locally organized and train to provide supplemental fire protection to CalFire and Inyo National Forest professional fire-fighters and their many mutual aid partners who may be dispatched by the primary State Responsibility Area (SRA) responders to the Aspendell South Fork Fire Protection Service Area (FPSA)
- Volunteers provide initial attack to local fire emergencies until the primary responsibility responders arrive.
- Volunteers train in wildland firefighting safety, tactics, and strategy
- Volunteers maintain a 750 gpm - 500 Gallon tank capacity pumper apparatus and a 4 season apparatus bay in Aspendell.
- Is equipped for wildland firefighting and structure protection.
- Is knowledgeable and provides advice and assistance to community members with brush mitigation
- Is available to assist CalFire and Inyo National Forest in local controlled burns in the Aspendell South Fork Fire Protection Service Area (FPSA)
- Is available to coordinate and provide community training opportunities including AED use and CPR
- Assists CalFire and local ambulance services with initial Good Samaritan First Aid, AED use and CPR while awaiting responses from these (primary) emergency medical service providers.
- Is active with other public groups providing support services to their mountain communities.

The department and volunteers (as organized and operated) are not:

- Career firefighters
- Emergency medical service responders
- EMTs, Paramedics or ALS providers
- Search and Rescue responders
- Hazardous Materials responders
- Trained, equipped, or capable of providing interior structure fire attack or rescues
- Parties to Mutual Aid Agreements with other organizations, agencies or public entities
- Enforcement officials