

The Process to Become a Paid Call Firefighter (PCF):

1. Determine which of our SLO County Fire Stations is the closest to your home. That will be the deciding factor in determining which PCF Company you will apply to. Visit the station and introduce yourself to the fire captain or engineer on duty at that time. Let them know you are interested in becoming a PCF.
2. If there is room on that company's roster for an additional PCF, you will be asked to attend three or more drills as a prospective applicant. During this trial period, you will be interviewed by the Company Administrator and/or Company Officers/Members. If the roster is full, you will be placed on a prospective applicant list until there is an opening.
3. After your three or more preliminary drills, you will then be voted on to the Company. Your application will then be turned in to Lorinda Crotty in the SLO County Fire Finance Office.
4. From the information on your application, Lorinda will obtain a Vendor Number from the County Auditor/Controllers. You need this number to be paid, and also to insure that you are medically covered in case of an injury during your PCF duties.
5. Your vendor number will be available within one week. During this time, you may call the Community Health Center (CHC) to set up an appointment for your physical. The number is (805) 269-1519. When you call, advise them that you are a new Paid Call Firefighter for CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire and need to schedule your physical. You will need to bring a completed medical questionnaire to your appointment. This form is attached to your application.
6. After completing your physical, CHC will fax to Lorinda the document which states whether you have passed your physical or not. She will then advise your station personnel and the Service Center by email. **This is important:**
Get a copy of this document from your station!
7. Your next step is to be Fit Tested. You will need to schedule the fit test with an approved fit tester. Your station personnel will advise you on whom to call.
8. After you get your Fit Test Card, you may now call the Service Center (543-4244, ask for Janet or Albert) and make an appointment to come in and pick up your gear. **When you arrive, you will need to have your copy of the CHC document in hand in order to pick up your gear at the Service Center. You will also need to show your Fit Test Card.** You are now ready to start training.

9. You must complete the following mandatory training before you are allowed to respond to calls:
 - SLO County Fire PCF Academy or State Fire Marshall FF- I Academy.
 - Current First Responder or EMT card
 - Hazardous Materials FRO/Decon
 - Current CPR/AED Card
10. Information on classes can be found on the CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire website <http://cdfslo.org/index.html> . Also look for training flyers that may be posted at your station. Your station personnel should be able to answer your training questions and assist you in signing up for classes.
11. Once all your mandatory training is completed, your station personnel will turn in a packet of SLO-CO 7's to Lorinda. These documents show all the training that you have completed so far, along with mileage to attend each class. You will now be paid in one lump sum for all your previous drills attended, the above classes, and any other training you completed during this time.
12. Congratulations! You will now receive your pager and are allowed to respond to calls.