

## Why Hire a Veteran?

The seven largest FDs in the Sacramento County area are motivated to hire honorably discharged Veterans.

The teamwork, discipline, and experience that Veterans bring to the table are qualities sought after for a stable and effective firefighting operation.

As a result, most FDs in the greater Sacramento County Region, offer Veterans bonus points in the competitive hiring process.



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For more information, contact any one of the following FDs or check them all online at: <https://myfirecareer.org>

Cosumnes CSD FD (Elk Grove/Galt)  
(916) 405-7100  
[www.cosumnescsd.gov/968/Fire](http://www.cosumnescsd.gov/968/Fire)

Folsom City FD  
(916) 461-6300  
[www.folsom.ca.us/government/fire](http://www.folsom.ca.us/government/fire)

Sacramento City FD  
(916) 808-8568  
[www.Cityofsacramento.org/Fire/Careers](http://www.Cityofsacramento.org/Fire/Careers)

U.C. Davis FD  
(530) 752-1236  
[www.fire.ucdavis.edu/](http://www.fire.ucdavis.edu/)

Sacramento Metropolitan FD  
(916) 859-4300  
[Joinmetrofire.org](http://Joinmetrofire.org)

West Sacramento FD  
[Cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/fire/careers](http://Cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/fire/careers)

Woodland FD  
(530) 661-5809 (Human Resources)  
[Cityofwoodland.org/252/Employment](http://Cityofwoodland.org/252/Employment)



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## Dear Veteran, Why a Firefighting Career?



## Why this Career?

The journey may be long and will require the EMT or Paramedic certifications and training as with any other firefighter candidate.

Some Reasons Why This Career:

- Mission Driven,
- Team Environment,
- Work with Motivated People,
- Another way to serve your community,
- Existing work that makes a difference saving lives,
- Training and preparing for the Mission,
- Similar Esprit De Corp as in the Military,
- Stable wages and benefits,
- Government Retirement – CALPERS Safety Pension,
- Multiple Career paths with applicable Military background.



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## Are You Suited for a Firefighting Career?

Do you always try to do the right thing? Are you trustworthy? Do you show respect for others? Are you a team player? Do you hold yourself accountable? Are you a leader in your own right? Are you looking for a career that is physically challenging, as well as professionally rewarding?

If you answer “yes” to all these questions, begin your journey here:  
[www.myfirecareer.org](http://www.myfirecareer.org)

## Multiple Career Paths in the Fire Service for Veteran Medics:

*EMTs and Paramedics use a lot of the skills that you may have used if you were a combat medic during deployments or even when you were stationed at home.*

If you have served as a Combat Medic or Aerospace Medical Tech, then you may have obtained certification from the **National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians** at the EMT level or higher. This can make for an easier transition; however, you will still need to be certified in your state.

If you do not have these certifications, you can complete the training at a technical or community college using your **GI Bill benefits**. The Cosumnes River College and the American River College offer programs from six months to two years long depending on your circumstances.

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