Mission Statement

It is our mission to render aid to those we serve through prevention, education, planning and intervention utilizing technology, skills and standards of professionalism.
Groom Creek is a bedroom community located about 6 miles south of Prescott in the ponderosa pine forest. We have over 400 full-time residents and many more seasonal residents that visit the area.

We have 8 children’s camps in our first due area that can each contribute up to 300 additional part-time residents throughout the year. We provide Fire Suppression and Emergency Medical Service to outlying communities and US. Forest Service Land which encompasses our area.

Originally a volunteer fire service, GCFD has changed with the growing community. We have a full-time Chief and part-time officers who are responsible for the various programs performed by the fire district including:
- Fuels Management
- Off-District Wildland Fire Response
- Apparatus Maintenance
- Equipment Maintenance
- Facility Maintenance
- Public Education

Firefighters attend weekly drills and respond to emergency calls within the district when available. Reserve applicants must pass a background check and physical agility test.

Positions

Volunteers are those members unable to regularly attend and/or who are unable to attend formal training outside the district, but still desire to contribute.

Reserves are those members who have completed in-house minimum training (Reserve Firefighter Taskbook) and/or are pursuing formal training in Fire and EMS outside the district.

Compensation

Our firefighters receive a reimbursement amount for attending each call and drill. (reimbursements are paid twice annually in June and December). Reserve members receive a slightly higher compensation rate.

Off-District Fire Response is compensated at rates established in our Cooperative Rate Agreement with the Arizona State Land Department.

Members meeting age and length of service requirements can participate in the Groom Creek Firefighter’s Relief and Pension Fund whereby 7.5% of annual compensation is matched by the Fire District and supported by other State Contributions.

Benefits

In addition to compensation, our volunteer and reserve personnel are covered by worker’s compensation insurance, public safety officer’s death benefits as well as a supplemental accident and sickness/health insurance policy.

We provide all members training and travel reimbursement (per policy).

Future plans include a new station with housing accommodations provided for qualified reserves in exchange for availability during duty shifts. This program will be targeted toward reserves pursuing a Fire Science Degree at Yavapai College and are already Basic Wildland, FF I & II and EMT qualified.