



El Paso County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Joseph J. Roybal



Dear Volunteer Applicant,

Thank you for inquiring about the volunteer opportunities with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office- **Wildland Fire Crew**. It is with discretion that I make every attempt to match the applicant's skills and interests with available volunteer positions within this office. Due to the sensitivity of the information with which the applicant will be working, it is a procedural requirement of the Sheriff's Office to perform background, criminal history, and personal reference checks on the suitability of all new volunteers.

Attached you will find the Volunteer Wildland Fire Application, Release of Information Agreement and Confidentiality Agreement. Your signature on the Release of Information Agreement must be witnessed by a Notary Public prior to submitting your paperwork for processing. Please complete the forms and return them to me at 27 East Vermijo Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 or you can scan and email them to me at hayleysuppes2@elpasoco.com. Due to the necessary background and reference checks, please allow 4-6 week for processing.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to call me at (719) 520-7216. Again, thank you for your interest in the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Program.

Sincerely,
Hayley Suppes

Hayley Suppes
Volunteer Program Coordinator

Attachment: Minimum Volunteer Requirements
Application Check List
Job Description
Volunteer Application
Release of Information
Confidentiality Agreement

Office of the Sheriff

27 East Vermijo Ave. • Colorado Springs, CO 80903
719-520-7100

Wildland Fire Management

3755 Mark Dabbling Blvd. • Colorado Springs, CO 80907

El Paso County Jail

2739 E. Las Vegas St. • Colorado Springs, CO 80906
719-390-2000



El Paso County Sheriff's Office Minimum Requirements for Volunteers

- 1. Must be honest on the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Application.**
2. Must be at least 18 years of age, 21 for some positions.
3. Must have **no** felony convictions.
4. Must have no misdemeanor convictions in the last 3 years.
5. Must be off any type of probation or parole for 3 years.
6. Must not have had any arrests in the last 3 years.
7. Must not have been incarcerated **or** held in a detention facility for 3 years.
8. Must not have a close relative incarcerated at one of the El Paso County Detention Facilities
9. All applicants will have a CCIC/NCIC background checks performed.
10. Truth verification examinations must be passed when required for any position that has access to inmate records, employee information, or if volunteer supervisor deems appropriate.
11. Reference checks (minimum of 2).
12. Interview with Volunteer Coordinator or Volunteer Supervisor.



Volunteer Application Check List

Before submitting the Volunteer Application, please make sure all these items have been completed.

- ❖ Be honest on your application! *An arrest does not automatically prohibit acceptance into the Student Intern Program.*
- ❖ Complete all areas applicable to you.
- ❖ Release of Information Agreement
 - **Sign in the presence of a Notary.**
- ❖ Attach a copy of the FRONT and BACK of your valid **Driver's License** (or other photo identification if you do not have a valid Driver's License). - Include copies of any certifications/licenses
- ❖ Questions, please contact the Volunteer Program Coordinator at 719-520-7216.
- ❖ Email, mail or deliver completed Student Intern application packet to:

El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Volunteer Program Coordinator
27 East Vermijo Avenue
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903

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EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: Wildland Fire Management Member

SUMMARY OF FUNCTIONS: As an on-call Wildland Firefighter, respond to and suppress fires in El Paso County and surrounding areas, assist with mitigation and public education.

<u>ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>
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| 1. To respond to and suppress fires in El Paso and surrounding counties. | Frequent |
| 2. Participate in ignition and control of prescribed fires. | Frequent |
| 3. Attend Wildland Fire Crew training sessions and meetings. | Frequent |

OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS:

Mitigation, public education, and community events.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be willing to accept and take direction in high stress environments.
- Must be able to pass rigorous physical agility test.
- Must meet the minimum age requirement of 18.
- Must successfully pass a fingerprint-based background check, truth verification examination, and online Criminal Justice Information training.
- Must be willing to learn required qualifications and / or certifications.
- Must be willing to commit at least 80 volunteer hours annually.

LICENSES OR CERTIFICATES PREFERRED:

S-130/190, ICS 100 & 700 and L-180

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS:

Reports to: Deputy Fire Warden / Wildland Fire Supervisor / Volunteer Foreman / Assistant Volunteer Foreman / Squad Leader

WORKING CONDITIONS:

The work site is primarily all of El Paso County including State and Federal lands providing fire suppression. There is a risk of exposure to harsh environmental conditions, including wildland fires, hot dry weather, and potentially long hours without a break.



WILDLAND FIRE
VOLUNTEER PROFILE APPLICATION
Please print clearly and complete all applicable areas.

NAME: _____

Last

First

Middle Initial

Give any other names you have been known by (AKA) and state reasons: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Street

City

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

DO YOU POSSESS A CURRENT VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE? _____ Yes _____ No

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER & STATE OF ISSUE: _____

OTHER STATES LIVED IN AND YEARS: _____

PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

NAME _____

Last

First

Middle Initial

ADDRESS: _____

Street

City

Zip

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Relationship

**Attach a copy of the FRONT and BACK of your valid Driver's License
(or other photo identification if you do not have a valid Driver's License)**

REFERENCES: LIST TWO PERSONAL REFERENCES
DO NOT INCLUDE RELATIVES

1. _____
Name Relationship

Address City Zip Phone Number Email

2. _____
Name Relationship

Address City Zip Phone Number Email

EDUCATION

High School (Circle last year completed) 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Diploma or GED
College: 1 2 3 4 _____

Name/Location of High School Attended _____

Name/Location of College Attended _____

Degrees or Special Courses of Training _____

Foreign Languages (speak, read, write) Please specify _____

Describe your hobbies, interests, and skills _____

EMPLOYMENT:

Current Employer: _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip

Employment Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Current responsibilities: _____

Describe previous work experience _____

NOTE: AN ARREST DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY PROHIBIT VOLUNTEER ACCEPTANCE INTO A VOLUNTEER POSITION. *(Please review Minimum Requirements)*

ARREST INFORMATION

Have you ever been arrested, charged, "questioned as an accused party", or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, including court martial and military charges? (Omit traffic violations, not DUIs).

_____ Yes _____ No If yes, complete the following:

Charges	City & State	Date	Disposition of Case
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

If you were convicted, what was the nature of your crime(s)? _____

Date(s) of conviction(s): _____

Are you on Probation or Parole? _____ Yes _____ No

Current status of conviction(s) _____

Have you ever been incarcerated in a correctional/detention facility?

1. If yes, give facility name and location: _____

2. Date and length of incarceration: _____

3. Date of release and current status: _____

ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE A TRUTH VERIFICATION EXAMINATION?

_____ Yes _____ No

(The successful completion of a truth verification examination is a qualification to work in certain areas, units, or programs of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.)



To Be Completed By Wildland Fire Crew Applicants Only

Medical: Check all that apply:

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| <input type="radio"/> Diabetes | <input type="radio"/> Headaches |
| <input type="radio"/> Eye Problems | <input type="radio"/> Surgery |
| <input type="radio"/> Vision w/o correction _____ | <input type="radio"/> Tumors |
| <input type="radio"/> Vision w/correction _____ | <input type="radio"/> Nervous System Disorders |
| <input type="radio"/> Fractures | <input type="radio"/> Orthopedics |
| <input type="radio"/> Tuberculosis | <input type="radio"/> Ulcers |
| <input type="radio"/> Back Problems | <input type="radio"/> Cardiovascular Disease |
| <input type="radio"/> Epilepsy | <input type="radio"/> Dizzy Spells/Fainting |
| <input type="radio"/> Respiratory Problems | <input type="radio"/> Ear Problems |
| <input type="radio"/> Urinary Tract Problems | <input type="radio"/> High Blood Pressure |
| <input type="radio"/> Allergies | <input type="radio"/> Medications |
| <input type="radio"/> Depression | <input type="radio"/> Other |

Provide an explanation for each checked medical condition: _____

Driving (check all that apply):

Own a Vehicle _____ Yes _____ No Car insurance current _____ Yes _____ No

Has your Driver's License ever been Revoked or Suspended? (please explain circumstances) _____

Reason(s) for applying for the El Paso County Wildland Fire Crew: _____

Incident Management, EMT or Wildland Fire education and/or experience (*attach copies of certificates*):



RELEASE OF INFORMATION AGREEMENT

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Please carefully read this authorization to release information about you, then sign and date it in ink.

This release will be utilized and provided to third-party agencies in order to conduct a background investigation pursuant to your request for employment. Please be advised that this release will be in effect for two years from the date signed.

I hereby authorize any Deputy Sheriff or other authorized representative of El Paso County Sheriff's Office bearing this release, or a copy of it, within **two** years of its date, to obtain copies of any information in your files concerning me, or information pertaining to my employment.

I consent to your release of **any and all public and private information** that you may have concerning me, including but not limited to documents concerning my work record, my background and reputation, my military service records, my financial and credit records, my criminal history record, including any arrest records, any information contained in any investigatory files, performance evaluations, complaints or grievances filed by or against me, the records or recollections of attorneys at law or other counsel, whether representing me or another person in any case, either criminal or civil, in which I presently have , or have had an interest, all medical, physical, and mental records or reports, including all information of a confidential or privileged nature and photocopies of the same, education, academic achievement, attendance, athletics, personal history, background investigations, polygraph examination, any and all internal affairs investigations and disciplinary action, **including any files which are deemed to be confidential, and/or sealed.**

I hereby release you, your organization, and all others from liability or damages that may result from furnishing the information requested, including any liability or damage pursuant to any state or federal laws. I hereby release you, as the custodian of such records or your organization, including its officers, employees, or related personnel, both individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind which may at any time result to me, my heirs, family, or associates because of compliance with this authorization and request to release information, or any attempt to comply with it. I direct you to release such information upon request of the duly accredited representative of this agency regardless of any agreement I have made with you previously on the contrary.

I respectfully request and authorize you to furnish the El Paso County Sheriff's Office **any and all information** that you may have concerning me. This information is to be used to assist the Office in determining my qualifications and fitness for the position I am seeking with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. This release is executed with the full knowledge and understanding that the information is for official use of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

Consent is granted for the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) to furnish the information described above and subsequently provided to EPSO to third parties in the course of fulfilling its official responsibilities. I further understand that I waive my right or opportunity to read or review any information provided in the background investigation report prepared by the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

I understand that I have the right to receive a copy of this authorization and acknowledge that I have received a copy.

NOTE: A PHOTOCOPY REPRODUCTION OF THIS SIGNED REQUEST SHALL BE FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES AS VALID AS THE ORIGINAL. YOU MAY RETAIN THIS FORM FOR YOUR FILES.

PRINT NAME

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE

DATE

Subscribed and sworn before me this ____ day of _____ 20 ____.

NOTARY SIGNATURE My commission expires: _____

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

I. Parties

This Agreement is between the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) and _____ (Volunteer).

II. Recitals

The parties to this Agreement enter into it with the following understanding:

- a. EPSO is a criminal justice agency with all commensurate responsibility that the term entails.
- b. Being an authorized volunteer with EPSO is a valuable circumstance to both Volunteer and EPSO.
- c. Volunteer is an authorized volunteer with EPSO. Such a status carries with it responsibility. Volunteer has passed a background check as a part of the process of becoming an authorized volunteer. As an authorized volunteer, Volunteer acknowledges that he or she is subject to EPSO chain of command. Authorized volunteers also may handle confidential information in the course of their service to EPSO.
- d. "Confidential Information" is a term with vast meaning that cannot be fully defined within the scope of this Agreement. The scope of this term is defined by Colorado and federal law. "Confidential Information" includes, but is not limited to, information concerning law enforcement investigations in progress. Such law enforcement investigations do not necessarily have to be those of EPSO; they can be investigations of other agencies, as well. Confidential Information also includes, but is not limited to, social security numbers, driver's license numbers, other information that can be used to facilitate identity theft if it fell into the wrong hands, child abuse records, sexual assault records, and other information required to be held confidential by federal and Colorado law. "Work product," as the term is defined by Colorado law, and matters pertinent to criminal and civil litigation are also Confidential Information. EPSO is within its discretion to withhold certain Confidential Information from public disclosure, per C.R.S. § 24-72-305(5). EPSO is commanded by law to withhold other types of Confidential Information indefinitely. The EPSO Legal Advisor may be consulted regarding the latter type of Confidential Information. Command-level sworn officers of EPSO make the determination as to whether any information is Confidential Information. When in doubt, the confidentiality of any information is assumed until a command-level officer makes a decision on the issue.

With the above understanding, and for the valuable consideration expressed within this Agreement, the parties agree to the following:

III. Agreement

1. Confidential Information. Volunteer has received or will receive from EPSO certain information relating to the business and operations of EPSO. Such information is referred to herein as "Confidential Information". Subject to the terms and limitations of this Agreement, all Confidential Information is acknowledged to be confidential, proprietary, and protected by EPSO and federal and/or state law.
2. No disclosure without consent of EPSO. Volunteer will use every reasonable effort to keep Confidential Information secret and confidential. Confidential Information will not be disclosed to third parties or used for Volunteer's purposes not related to service with EPSO without the express approval of a command-level, sworn EPSO officer. Such disclosures or uses shall include, but not be limited to, disclosure to the media and publication in books, magazines, periodicals, or any other form of information distributed to the public, whether the medium be print, film, video, electronic media, or otherwise. This clause shall not be interpreted to apply to disclosures to criminal justice agencies in the normal course of EPSO business.
3. Exceptions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any information that meets any of the following criteria shall not be deemed to be Confidential Information.
 - a. Any information that EPSO has already released to—and that has been published by—the media, except as otherwise stated in this Agreement.
4. Re-classification. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted as preventing EPSO from re-classifying information as Confidential Information that had originally been de-classified.
5. Return of materials. Upon request by EPSO, Volunteer shall return all materials provided to Volunteer by or on behalf of EPSO and any notes, documents, copies, or other materials prepared by Volunteer with respect to such Confidential Information.

IV. Liquidated remedies.

6. Termination. The remedy available to EPSO upon Volunteer's breach of this agreement shall be the termination of Volunteer's service with EPSO, at EPSO's discretion.

V. Jurisdiction, venue, and applicable law.

7. Jurisdiction, venue, applicable law, and negation of non-judicial remedy. The law governing this agreement shall be the laws of the State of Colorado. The parties agree that jurisdiction of any dispute that may arise hereunder shall lie in the appropriate District or County Court of El Paso County, Colorado. Any provision of this Agreement, whether or not incorporated herein by reference, which provides for arbitration by any extra-judicial body or person or which is otherwise in conflict with said laws, rules, and regulations shall be considered null and void. Nothing contained in any provision incorporated herein by referencing which purports to negate this or any other special provision in whole or in part shall be valid or enforceable or available in any action at law whether by way of complaint, defense, or otherwise. Any provision rendered null and void by the operation of this provision shall not invalidate the remainder of this Agreement to the extent that this agreement is capable of execution.
8. Governmental immunity. The parties here to understand and agree that the liability of El Paso County, and the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, and their departments, offices agencies, boards, commissions, officials, and employees are controlled and limited by the provisions of C.R.S. § 24-10-101 *et seq.* Any provision of this Agreement, whether or not incorporated herein by reference, shall be controlled, limited, and otherwise modified so as to limit any liability of the County or the Sheriff's Office to the above-cited laws.

VI. Other terms.

9. No guarantee of continued service. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as a right to, or a guarantee of, Volunteer's continued service as an authorized volunteer of EPSO. EPSO reserves the right to modify or terminate Volunteer's status at any time, for any reason, or for no reason at all. Any remedies available under this contract shall survive such termination.
10. Headings. The headings used in this agreement are merely for convenience. They shall not be used to in any manner to interpret this agreement.
11. Severability. To the extent that this Agreement may be executed and performance of the obligations of the parties may be accomplished within the intent of this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement are severable. Should any term or provision of this Agreement be declared invalid or become inoperative for any reason, such invalidity or failure shall not affect the validity of any other term or provision, to the extent that this Agreement remains capable of execution. The waiver of any breach of a term hereof shall not be construed as a waiver of any other term or the same term upon subsequent breach.
12. Rights of third parties. This Agreement is not and shall not be deemed to confer upon or grant to any third party any right to claim damages or to bring any type of proceeding against either Volunteer, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, or El Paso County because of any breach hereof or because of any terms, covenants, agreements or conditions contained herein.
13. Entire understanding. This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties, and no modification, amendment, novation, or other alteration to this Agreement shall be valid or of any force or effect unless mutually agreed to by the parties in writing as an addendum to this Agreement. At the time of the execution of this Agreement, there are no other terms, conditions, requirements or obligations affecting this Agreement which are not specifically set forth herein.

<p>For VOLUNTEER:</p> <p>Signature</p> <p>Printed name, address, and telephone number</p> <p>Date</p>	<p>For EPSO:</p> <p>Signature</p> <p>Hayley Suppes</p> <p>Printed name</p> <p>Volunteer Program Coordinator</p> <p>Rank and area of assignment</p> <p>Date</p>
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