

Aspendell South Fork Volunteer Fire Department; Corporate Purpose

The specific purpose of this corporation includes but is not limited to, promoting fire prevention, fire suppression and other public safety activities in the [Aspendell South Fork Fire Protection Service Area \(FSPA\) as depicted by the map](#) adopted and revised from time to time by **Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO)** of the Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains of Inyo County California, to serve as a liaison between area residents and local, state and federal agencies engaged in public safety activities, to own and operate one or more volunteer fire departments, and to respond to emergencies and active fires for the benefit of all persons residing in, and visitors using, public and private lands and facilities in said area.

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 \(FSPA\)](#)
- Volunteers provide initial attack to local fire emergencies until the primary responsibility responders arrive.
- Volunteers train in wildland firefighting safety, tactics, strategy, and techniques to the NWCG 310-1 standards
- 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 \(FSPA\)](#)
- 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