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Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District relies on trained and skilled volunteers.

## Fire district seeks volunteers

Even as the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District is in the midst of two live-fire training sessions (*see related story, page 1*), the District is putting out the call for more volunteers.

The fire department is currently accepting applications from members in the community who are interested in becoming fire and EMS volunteers. The district has continued to see a rise in the amount of emergency response calls. In 2021, the fire department responded on a total of 1,222 emergency incidents. Volunteers help run many of these calls and are an integral part of the work of the department.

Volunteers are trained and highly skilled in EMS, structural firefighting, wildland firefighting, low angle rescue operations, hazmat operations, and more.

Selected participants will complete the in-house structural Firefighter 1 Academy. The 2022 spring academy will be starting in April, so applications are being accepted and processed now. Generally, the training is on Monday nights with assignments and reading assigned throughout the week. There are also a couple of Saturdays involved where training is grouped together for scenario-based and full simulation-style training.

Academy volunteers will receive instruction in several areas including, but not limited to: building construction, communications, fire dynamics, ground ladders, search & rescue, forcible entry, fire suppression, first aid, hazmat operations, wildland fire training, and more. The academy will be led by a group of experienced volunteer officers with the support of our career staff and volunteer corps at the fire department.

Applications can be found at [www.sistersfire.com/volunteer-program-2/](http://www.sistersfire.com/volunteer-program-2/).

Call 549-0771 or email [recruitment@sistersfire.com](mailto:recruitment@sistersfire.com).

## MILLER: Longtime rodeo leader has passed on after illness

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again in 1999, and served through 2019, when he stepped away from the post due to medical issues.

In 2012, the Rodeo selected him to be Grand Marshal. That year, Bonnie Malone profiled Miller for a story in *The Nugget*. Malone depicted Miller's upbringing in the Amish and Mennonite community of Goshen, Indiana, where his strong ethical foundation was built. And she noted that Miller built a stellar reputation as a contractor across the region.

"Miller has also been a premier contractor in Central Oregon since 1974," Malone reported. "With his partner, Miller began building homes at Black Butte Ranch from their Portland-based company until they both moved here with their families. 'Suddenly all our work was here,' he explained, 'and we loved the area.' He became independent in 1978 as GJ Miller Construction Company.

"He built the first million-dollar home on the tax rolls in Deschutes County, still a showcase over a canyon. He has built landmarks all over Sisters Country and more than 20 Black Butte Ranch homes. In Bend, there are multiple Awbrey Butte and Broken Top homes and Hawthorne Suites to his credit.

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— Curt Kallberg

Rodeo was always at the center of Miller's community efforts."

"Miller has contributed more to this association than anyone in this community," said then-Vice President Curt Kallberg in 2012. "It's not only because of his leadership; it's his life."

The Rodeo that Miller so loved will go forward this year after a two-year hiatus, June 8-12. For information, visit <https://sistersrodeo.com>.

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