

TRIBAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

San Manuel Fire Department



About Our Department

The San Manuel Fire Department (SMFD) is dedicated to providing exceptional service and support to the Reservation, Tribal community and San Manuel Casino through its mission, core values and motto – Integrity. Unity. Respect.

The department makes its goals a reality through daily operations, which include providing “all-risk” emergency responses, leading the enterprise in emergency response training, and acting as an advocate for the Tribe in building partnerships with neighboring institutions.

Since its founding in 2003, SMFD has responded to more than 40,000 emergency calls and conducted more than 4,000 fire inspections and plan reviews, all while building a strong foundation of community and honor within the department and its partnerships.

Today, the department is composed of 45 men and women who are trained as EMTs or Paramedics. An additional nine firefighting personnel will be added to the team in the near future to meet demands of the San Manuel Casino Resort Expansion Project, and the department will open a second fire station on the east side of the Reservation in 2021.

What You'll Learn

An internship with the San Manuel Fire Department will be a behind-the-scenes look at those everyday operations. During the program, participants will learn:

Operations

How every role – from dispatch to Battalion Chiefs – is crucial in responding to and preventing fire, rescue, hazardous materials, and emergency medical incidents on the Reservation and surrounding communities through hands-on training. Exercises include, but are not limited to, observing emergency response, training and use of equipment.

Building Relationships

Why partnerships with local fire agencies and fire/EMT academies are necessary. These collaborative efforts help establish new protocols and technology-based operations to cut down on response and incident times both on- and off the Reservation, and address future staffing needs.

Preserving Our Future

Ways to establish a career in fire/emergency response. A career within SMFD requires training and certification from a qualified fire and EMS academy, and work experience in emergency medical services or as a reserve firefighter.