



**Position: Defensible Space Inspector**

**Term: Seasonal, Mid-March to November dependent on funding**

**Pay Scale: \$12 – 16 per hour**

**Open until filled.**

Lake Valley Fire Protection District's Fire and Fuels Division is currently seeking an energetic entry-level or experienced professional to perform defensible space inspections for private property owners. Defensible Space Inspectors apply basic fire behavior and forestry principles to educate residents on how to comply with state code PRC4291 and local fire safety standards. An additional responsibility includes working with the Fire and Fuels Coordinator on the development and layout of fuel reduction projects on private and state lands. The ideal candidate is an entry-level professional with an educational background, training or experience in fire science, forestry, arboriculture, or closely related natural resource field. Inspectors display and enjoy professionalism, independent judgment, decision-making, public interaction, self-motivation, flexibility, and a team mentality.

Lake Valley Fire Protection District is located on the south shore of beautiful Lake Tahoe where the mountains, rivers, alpine lakes, and forests attract visitors from all over the world. LVFPD jurisdiction includes more than 27,000 acres of public and privately owned lands and over 4,000 residences. The goal of LVFPD Fire and Fuels Division is to protect life, property and the environment from the effects of a catastrophic wildfire by working toward creating a fire-adapted community.

#### Minimum Qualifications

- Training or education in fire science or forestry
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Initiative and ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Valid driver's license
- Good map reading skills
- Excellent organizational skills (i.e. consistent documentation, time management)
- Must be a people person

#### Preferred Additional Qualifications

- A.S. or B.S. Forestry or closely related natural resources field
- Wildland or structural firefighter experience
- Public outreach and education experience
- Experience interpreting code and issuing permits
- ISA Certified arborist
- Knowledge of the sierra mixed-conifer forest type and plant identification
- Proficient computer skills
- Forestry field work experience
- GIS/GPS experience

#### How to Apply

Applications are available online at <http://www.lakevalleyfire.net>. If you have questions or to request an application, email [lakevalleyfiresafe@gmail.com](mailto:lakevalleyfiresafe@gmail.com) or call (530) 577-2447.

Completed applications must be mailed or delivered in person to:

Lake Valley Fire Protection District  
Attn: Susie Kaiser  
2211 Keetak Street  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Applications and resumes may be sent by email to [lakevalleyfiresafe@gmail.com](mailto:lakevalleyfiresafe@gmail.com); however for full consideration, the signed *original application must be submitted* by mail or delivered in person.