

“I would like to be a part of the ambulance crew, but I don’t want to go to any fires,” says one interested individual.

“I can’t stand the sight of blood, no one is going to force me to ride the ambulance,” says another interested individual.

Both of these people can have their preferences granted to them when they join the Grant Volunteer Fire Department,” said Fire Chief Don Softley.

“No one is forced to ride the ambulance, no one is forced to fight fires,” said Softley—if a person wants to strictly be a part of the ambulance side of the fire department, they can. If they strictly want to respond to fire calls, they can.

The department is looking for members of the community who are interested in contributing to the heroic measures administered by those who serve as firefighters, EMTs or storm watchers.

According to Fire Chief Don Softley, the department is seeking additional personnel, and those individuals will be valuable to its function even if they are interested in only one aspect of what the volunteer fire department provides to the communities it serves.

“Become a part of the organization,” said Softley, explaining that individuals who respond when summoned to help someone in need can greatly contribute even if they choose to be on only one of the teams the department provides in emergency situations. If a new male/female member desires to contribute to all areas of emergency response—that’s even better.

There is always a place in the department for those willing to serve with whatever talents they possess.

Dedicated personnel see to the safety and well-being of area residents through the act of rescue—whether it's being involved in extinguishing a fire, providing emergency medical care, or responding to accident-related occurrences which have ranged from vehicle and grain-bin extrication to rescuing a frightened deer from a well.

The Grant Volunteer Fire Department is a vital part of the community, and additional personnel will assure the department continues to function with its current high-level reputation.