

We are actively looking for people who are looking for the opportunity to gain both firefighting and military experience.

The California State Guard is a great organization to start or continue your career with. The CSG has a long history of responding and assisting the people of the State of California.

As part of the mission of the CSG, volunteers respond to all manners of natural and man-made disasters. As the threat of wildland fire grows, the need for more firefighters has increased. The CSG has a unique opportunity for those who want to be part of the solution to this serious problem.



If you are interested in:

- Becoming a firefighter
- Responding to the largest fires in the state
- Camaraderie
- Receiving training and certification in firefighting that will allow you to pursue a career in the fire service
- Earn a military wage while on orders
- Receive Military training and experience
- Leadership training
- Educational Benefits – up to 100% of tuition and fees at a University of CA, CA State School or Community College
- Become a member of an elite team

The CSG may be what you are looking for. 55% of our membership is prior military. If you are prior military, this may be a great way to get back in uniform.

Please visit our website: <https://stateguard.cmd.ca.gov/public/> to learn more about the California State

Guard. <https://stateguard.cmd.ca.gov/public/emergency-response-command/> will give you more information on the ERC specifically. We do not require an extended “boot camp”.

We will provide you with Firefighting specific training and basic military training. This is a volunteer opportunity; you are not “enlisting” in the military.

The CSG is comprised of volunteers from all over the state, that volunteer their time outside of their regular jobs or education.

We are recruiting for volunteer firefighters now! If you or someone you know may be interested and have questions, please contact me. Please feel free to forward this email to anyone who may be interested. When you go to our website go to the “join now” tab.



In the “license or certificates” section, please list any relevant licenses or certificates and please indicate in this box that you are specifically interested in the ERC and Team Blaze.

If you do submit an interest card, please then contact Sergeant First Class (SFC) Darwin Dempsey at (209) 681-3096 or send him an email at darwin.dempsey@stateguard.cmd.ca.gov .

This will help fast track the process.

Respectfully,

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