

Category	Emergency/rescue service	
Location	Quetzaltenango	
Year of foundation		
Number of permanent employees:	6 permanent employees, 130 national volunteers throughout the stations in the whole country.	
Project description:	Quetzaltenango, as second biggest city of Guatemala, only counts with volunteer firefighters. These firefighters are responsible to attend emergencies and fires in the city. Our volunteers would participate in the ambulance activities. They attend car accidents, injured people, general sickness. On a daily basis, they attend approximately 6-10 emergencies, in the area of Quetzaltenango and surrounding villages. In case of big accidents, they also provide assistance further into the country.	
Description of volunteer tasks:	Volunteers are welcome to support the ambulances of the firefighters. This involves being present at the station, and when an emergency comes in, volunteers can assist with all of them. When there are no emergencies, there is help needed with cleaning of the units, check equipment and general tasks. There is also a place where the volunteers, together with the other firefighters, can relax and watch tv.	
Requirements:	Spanish level:	At least a basic level; communication in Spanish is essential and vital.
	Minimum time commitment:	1 week
	Work schedule:	The national volunteers have 24h shifts (8am – 8am). Volunteers are welcome to spend any time they have available at the station. Night shifts are available too.
	Others:	Hand in the following paperwork: - CV with personal data, skills and experience - Copy of passport - Letter of request to the station (Do Guatemala) - Letter to discharge the firefighters of any responsibility concerning the volunteers (Do Guatemala)
How to get to the project:	The station is located in zone 1, on a 10-minute walk from the Parque Central.	
Closing dates of the project:	None.	
Lodging options:	Hotel, hostel or host family in Quetzaltenango. Prices can be found here .	

