

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

**WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED TO BECOME A MIDDLETOWN VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER?**

PROSPECTIVE VOLUNTEERS MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE AND LIVE OR WORK IN THE PROXIMITY OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN. ANYONE 16-17 YEARS OF AGE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING MAY JOIN OUR JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM.

**WHAT IS THE FIRST STEP TO VOLUNTEERING?**

CONTACT OUR RECRUITMENT OFFICE AT (845) 344-5003, FOR AN APPLICATION AND TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BECOMING A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER.

**CAN A VOLUNTEER POSITION LEAD TO A CAREER IN FIREFIGHTING?**

YES. VOLUNTEERING IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO GET THE NECESSARY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE TO BE AN ATTRACTIVE CANDIDATE FOR A CAREER FIREFIGHTING POSITION.

**HOW MANY HOURS DO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS WORK?**

THERE IS NO SET AMOUNT OF REQUIRED HOURS FOR OUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMAIN ACTIVE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS OF A VOLUNTEER.

**WHAT OTHER OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE FOR ME WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT?**

THERE ARE SEVERAL ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SUCH AS FIRE POLICE, SAFETY OFFICERS, AND ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICERS. YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE POSITIONS BY CALLING OUR RECRUITMENT HOTLINE AT (845) 344-5003

THE MIDDLETOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT CONSISTS OF SEVEN COMPANIES IN THREE LOCATIONS AROUND THE CITY

**CENTRAL FIRE HOUSE**

81 EAST MAIN STREET  
MIDDLETOWN, NY 10940



MONHAGEN ENGINE COMPANY #1  
EXCELSIOR HOOK & LADDER COMPANY #1  
EAGLE ENGINE COMPANY #2  
MCQUOID ENGINE & LADDER COMPANY #3

**NORTH STREET FIRE HOUSE**

359 NORTH STREET  
MIDDLETOWN, NY 10940



PHOENIX ENGINE #4  
ONTARIO HOSE COMPANY #5

**WALLKILL AVENUE FIRE HOUSE**

10 WALLKILL AVENUE  
MIDDLETOWN, NY 10940



WALKILL ENGINE #6

**INTERESTED IN  
VOLUNTEER  
FIREFIGHTING?**



**THE CITY OF  
MIDDLETOWN  
FIRE  
DEPARTMENT  
WANTS YOU!**

# MIDDLETOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

TO FOSTER LOVE OF COUNTRY, GOOD CITIZENSHIP, CIVIC VIRTUE, SELF SACRIFICE AND TO PERPETUATE THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT WHICH, FROM THE EARLIEST DAYS HAS INSPIRED VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS TO SERVICE OF THE HIGHEST KIND - THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE OR EMERGENCY FOR NO FEE OR REWARD.

SINCE 1859, THE MIDDLETOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY CARRIED OUT ITS DUTY TO PREVENT AND EXTINGUISH FIRES AND PROTECT THE LIVES OF THE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND TO PRESERVE THEIR PROPERTY.

THE DEPARTMENT SAFEGUARDS A POPULATION OF 25,400 PEOPLE LIVING WITHIN MIDDLETOWN'S FIVE SQUARE MILE AREA.

THE MFD ANSWERS WELL OVER 1,100 CALLS A YEAR; THESE INCLUDE STRUCTURE AND BRUSH FIRES, MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AND RESCUE CALLS, AND A VARIETY OF PUBLIC SERVICE REQUESTS SUCH AS FLOODED CELLARS AND, OCCASIONALLY, THE LEGENDARY CAT STUCK IN THE TREE.

ALL OF THE MEMBER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT PERFORM SERVICES FOR FIRE PROTECTION FOR THE CITY ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS. THERE ARE MANY PERSONAL BENEFITS TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE.

FIRST AND FOREMOST THEY RESPOND BECAUSE THEY WANT TO WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT COMPENSATION. MOST NEW MEMBERS JOIN BECAUSE THEY VIEW THE JOB AS AN EXCITING WAY TO SERVE THEIR NEIGHBORS, AND IT IS MUCH MORE THEN THAT!

WITH EXPERIENCE, MEMBERS GAIN A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT MEANS TO ADVANCE A HOSE LINE, EXTRICATE A VICTIM, RESCUE A CHILD OR ASSIST A PERSON IN A TIME OF TROUBLE. THE FEELING EXCEEDS THE VALUE OF ANY MATERIAL REWARDS. IT IS THE FEELING OF PRIDE IN THE WORK THAT BROTHERS AND SISTERS PREFORM SELFLESSLY. A FEELING OF BEING A PART OF THE ULTIMATE TEAM AND A FEELING OF SELF WORTH THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DESCRIBE TO OTHERS.

OUR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ARE INVOLVED IN MANY ASPECTS OF FIREFIGHTING INCLUDING:

- STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING
- SEARCH AND RESCUE
- MOTOR VEHICLE EXTRICATION
- LADDER TRUCK OPERATIONS
- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
- FIRE POLICING
- BRUSH FIRE
- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
- + MUCH MORE

THE MIDDLETOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS WITH PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, FIRE TRAINING AND SUPERVISION TO MAKE THE WORK WE DO AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BECOMING A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PLEASE CALL  
**(845)344-5003**