

Minocqua Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad

415 Menominee Street – Suite A, Minocqua, WI 54548

Thank you for your interest in joining the Minocqua Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (MVFDRS). There are a variety of reasons people join community/civic groups, friends and family are involved, help out your community and fellow citizens or sometimes just the challenge of a new and exciting opportunity. We would like to provide you with a brief overview of the process of applying, what the Department expects of you and what you can expect from us.

First is the commitment of time. The first 6 months to 1 year require a great deal of time due to training. The state mandates all members take the Firefighter Entry Level classes. Usually these classes are offered on weeknights from 6-10 p.m. at various locations and on various nights. Our local technical college usually runs the entry level class 2-3 times per year and currently it covers approximately 66 hours total. Minocqua Volunteer Fire Department has a provision in our guidelines that new members have 1 year to enroll in and complete firefighting class. We allow this much time to work with new members work/home schedules and make it as convenient as possible.

Our meeting/training nights are normally Mondays with occasional weekend or mutual aide training on other various days. The first Monday of each month is firefighter training and it is usually held at Station 1 and the normal start time is 7 p.m. ALL members are required to attend. The 2nd Monday is Rescue Training and the last Monday of each month is a Business Meeting. Rescue and Business meetings are not mandatory for members but we always encourage attendance.

Although there is a small stipend, the MVFDRS members are Volunteer and although you are essentially volunteering your time, the town and Department invest a great deal of time and money into you. The average cost to outfit each member with gear and get them trained to minimum levels is about \$4,000/person. Any additional training you wish to take is always provided at no cost to you and the Department keeps all members active in the various firefighting organizations/associations as well as Worker's Compensation Insurance and Death benefits.

We have minimum attendance requirements which will be outlined for you at your interview and I encourage everyone who applies to make sure you can commit enough time to cover these requirements as well as training. ALL members who are put on have a 6 month probationary period, we use this time to see how volunteering fits you and your lifestyle and we encourage you to assess your situation after these 6 months to see how you feel about it.

All members of the Department are outfitted with all protective equipment needed to do the job. You are also provided with proper training to ensure you can do the job as safely as possible.

Any person applying to the Department is subject to a background check by our Police Department.

Not all applications received are acted on. Many contributing factors go into the process but we will not discriminate based on gender, religion or race.

Call volume varies year to year but monthly training is always mandatory. If your application is to be acted on you will be asked to come to a Business Meeting. A short interview and Q&A will take place and the Executive Committee will decide if your application should be brought before the entire membership. If so, that will happen at the next scheduled Training (1st Monday) and you will be contacted regarding the outcome.

We thank you for your interest and if you feel volunteering is a good fit for you we believe you will find it very rewarding.

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Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Employer: _____ Years: _____

Occupation: _____

Previous Employers: _____

Highest Grade Attained: _____

Previous Fire/Rescue Experience – Where? Name and address of Chief? _____

Specialized Training: _____

Do you have any disability or health problems? _____

Why do you want to be a member of the Minocqua Fire Department? _____

Do you have any special abilities, hobbies or talents that will help the Minocqua Fire Department? _____

Children's names and ages: _____

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Date of Acceptance: _____ Six Month Review: _____

Please mail the completed application to:

Sue Krueger

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