

The Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association

is a 501(c)(4) tax exempt, volunteer membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS and rescue services in Montgomery County, MD. Organized in 1922, the MCVFRA serves as the voice for all Montgomery County volunteer fire, rescue and emergency service professionals as well as the local volunteer fire and rescue departments in the County. Each of the departments maintains its own charter with the State of Maryland and is incorporated as a non-profit volunteer corporation with the state.

Volunteers in our 19 volunteer fire/rescue departments, through the MCVFRA, are the only volunteers in the United States who have collective bargaining rights. In addition to representing its membership in the local, state and national arena, the MCVFRA runs a comprehensive recruitment and retention program. The number of volunteer firefighters in Montgomery County has increased by almost 20% since 2008 while nationwide volunteer participated decreased by over 25%.

▼ **The MCVFRA is known for setting the international standard for policy and program development for volunteer fire/rescue organizations.**



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TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:

Emergency Medical Services – In this role, volunteers receive world-renowned emergency medical training and primarily spend their time staffing ambulances or medic units. You will be asked to provide aid on calls which may include cardiac and diabetic emergencies, traumatic injuries from car collisions as well as seizures.

Firefighter/EMT – In this position, volunteers take internationally recognized fire suppression and specialized rescue courses preparing them to respond to calls ranging from major building fires to river and mountain emergencies. Firefighter/EMTs typically staff fire engines, rescue squads, ladder trucks and towers.

Jr. Member – 16-18 year old high school students have an amazing opportunity to develop leadership skills and make a REAL difference in their community. Jr. Members works side-by-side regular members on emergency calls and provide rescue and fire suppression services.

Administrative/Auxiliary – Volunteer fire/rescue departments in Montgomery County, MD are dynamic and evolving non-profit organizations; we are in constant need of professionals with specialized skills-sets from ALL backgrounds. Non-operational volunteer contributions are critical in day-to-day operations as well as attaining long-term department goals.

MEMBER DEPARTMENTS:

- Bethesda Fire Department
- Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad
- Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department
- Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department
- Chevy Chase Fire Department
- Damascus Volunteer Fire Department
- Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department
- Germantown Volunteer Fire Department
- Glen Echo Volunteer Fire Department
- Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department
- Hyattstown Volunteer Fire Department
- Kensington Volunteer Fire Department
- Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department
- Rockville Volunteer Fire Department
- Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department
- Silver Spring Fire Department
- Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department
- Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department
- Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad

LIVE-IN PROGRAM:

In exchange for staffing apparatus, volunteers who are currently enrolled in, or passed EMT and/or Firefighter I and II class, have an opportunity to live rent-free at a local fire/rescue station. Live-In volunteers typically consist of working professionals and college students. These members can expect to receive:

- Free computer and high speed internet access
- Free cable with premium channels
- Free kitchen and food storage facilities
- A clean and comfortable area to sleep and do work.

The Live-In program currently hosts students from the following colleges and universities:

- Montgomery College
- University of Maryland College Park
- University of Maryland University College
- University of Maryland Baltimore County
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- American University
- University of the District of Columbia

► BENEFITS:

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| • Free Gym Access | • Full college tuition reimbursement to Maryland state schools (first come, first serve) | • State tax deduction (after 3 years of service) | • Free Ride-On Bus Pass |
| • Free Uniforms and Gear | • Tuition Assistance through Montgomery County Government | • Montgomery County Government Credit Union Access | • Free access to county recreational facilities |
| • Free Winter Jacket | • LOSAP (Length of Service Awards Program) | • State Employee Credit Union of Maryland Access | • Active volunteers may apply for "County Employee" only positions |
| • Unlimited Free Training | | • Yearly Stipend | |
| • Reimbursement for On-Duty food costs | | | |

TO JOIN: Visit www.joinfirerescue.com or call the recruiter at 301-424-1297 for more information!