

**BRIGHTON VOLUNTEER FIRE
COMPANY #5 Inc.**



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION BRIGHTON FIRE COMPANY



The Brighton Volunteer Fire Company has been serving the public since 1930, protecting approximately 7 square miles responding to emergency calls for fire, rescue and hazardous material incidents. Currently operate out of 3 stations, Station 1 located on Jamaica Road, Station 2 is located on McConkey Drive and Station 3 is located on Dexter Terrace Road. We also have an extremely active and successful Fire Prevention program holding fire safety programs in schools and around the community.

The Fire Company is structured with 12 Board of Directors, of which 6 are Company officers. These officers are elected annually by the membership. The Fire Company provides the manpower to the Fire District. There are also 3 Fire Chiefs who are also elected annually by the membership and a complement of Fire Line Officers for each of the stations to assist the Fire Chiefs.

Some Facts:

- Fire Training Drills are held every week, on Wednesday mornings and Friday evenings.
- The Fire Company conducts all of its business at the regular monthly meeting, normally held on the last Friday of each month.
- No experience in Firefighting is necessary. You will be trained at the State, county and local levels.
- Our active membership is 100% volunteer.

GENERAL INFORMATION BRIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT #5



The Brighton Fire District #5 is an arm of local government having absolute jurisdiction over the Brighton Volunteer Fire Company. The Fire District provides the necessary equipment and all personal protective equipment, at no cost to the active member.

The Fire District has 5 Commissioners, one of which one is elected annually by the public. The District also has a secretary and a treasurer.

Each September the Fire District decides on its own what it will need in the way of funds for the coming fiscal year. The Fire District is one of the most important and least expensive units of local government. In a typical district, the owner of a house of average valuation pays only about sixty-five dollars a year for fire protection.



Application Information

Your application is important to us; it tells a little about yourself and is the first step in joining this organization. It is very important that all instructions are followed and that all blanks are filled in. Failure to do so may result in a delay of the application process.

The Brighton Volunteer Fire Company has established acceptance guidelines, accepting new applicants into the Fire Company as probationary firefighters during the months of March and September of each year.

Your application and all necessary information **MUST** reach the Membership Committee **PRIOR** to May 20 for the September acceptance and/or **PRIOR** to November 20 for the March acceptance. Failure to meet these guidelines may delay your application into the next cycle. The four months, from May to September and/or December to April is administrative time used by the Investigating Committee to process your application. Your application **MUST** be mailed to:

Brighton Volunteer Fire Company #5
C/O Investigating Committee
50 Jamaica Road
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Your references are **VERY** important. List references, which you feel, will respond in a timely manner to our requests. Failure of a reference response will delay the application process.

After your application has been received and reviewed, you will be notified by mail to attend your first informal interview, which is normally held during the first or second week of June and/or December. During this interview, the Investigating Committee will go over with you, in detail, the application process, your duties, responsibilities, accountability and answer any other questions you might have.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the Membership Committee at 837-9326 or, 837-6255.

We are also on the web at www.brightonfire.com. Visit us there and find out more about our organization.

-Again, thank you for your interest in becoming a Volunteer Firefighter.-

Brighton Volunteer Fire Company #5

50 Jamaica Road
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Firefighter Position Description

Definition:

Under general supervision, performs work of moderate difficulty related to fire/rescue operations, hazardous material emergencies, fire prevention and related duties as assigned.

Examples of Essential Functions :

Essential functions may include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1- Respond to fire alarms and participate in fire extinguishment, rescue, and fire investigation using firefighting tools and equipment such as axes, pry bars, pike poles, ladders, portable extinguishers, two-way radios, hydraulic equipment and power tools
- 2- Perform hose operations such as; coupling and uncoupling hoses, attaching hose appliances, advancing hose lines, and directing streams into fire in order to control and extinguish fires.
- 3- Perform salvage and overhaul operations such as identifying strategies to protect property by using salvage covers and smoke fans, locating smoldering fires, removing property to protect it from damage, removing excess water, assessing damaged structures for safety, and performing clean up as necessary.
- 4- Rescue individuals in danger from fire, vehicle accidents, industrial accidents, and other situations requiring extrication.
- 5- Free individuals from machines and equipment, collapsed structures, earth cave-ins, and electrical hazards using extrication and forcible entry equipment in a way that minimizes further injury.
- 6- Respond to incidents involving toxic/hazardous materials, assesses risks, remove non-essential personnel, use required personal protective gear, contain spills, and control run off and ignition sources.
- 7- Inspect, clean and service firefighting equipment and apparatus; maintain clean and orderly conditions in and about the fire stations.
- 8- Participate in inspection of public and commercial buildings for fire prevention and target hazard identification, and fire prevention activities in the fire stations as well as places of public assembly.
- 9- Completes all training necessary to fulfill departmental, state, and OSHA requirements to insure professional development.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Thorough knowledge of basic fire prevention and suppression practices and techniques; fire ground rescue safety techniques; hand and power tools used in fire suppression; emergency rescue techniques and equipment; hazardous material for first responders; building construction as it relates to fire suppression.

Ability to read and understand fire training manuals, Brighton Fire District #5 protocols and standards, departmental operating procedures, rules and regulations, maps, and recall information learned. Identify and preserve evidence of fire origins; understand physical and mechanical principles related to fire suppression and emergency rescue; use common hand and power tools; climb ladders up to 100 feet in length, think and act quickly and effectively in emergency situations; understand and follow verbal and written directions; work effectively and cooperatively with others in a coed, para-military team setting.

Physical Characteristics

Must be termed “active with no restrictions” by the Brighton Fire District #5 physician. Must have vision sufficient enough to operate hand and power tools, read gauges, maps, operational procedures and regulations, and training documents. Hearing sufficient enough to hear conversations in person, over radios, and telephones. Speech sufficient enough to make oneself understood in ordinary conversation, on fire scenes, in person and over radios and telephones. Dexterity sufficient enough to operate tools and apparatus associated with fire suppression and emergency service work, and office equipment including computer keyboards. Mobility sufficient enough to perform fire suppression activities such as climbing ladders, operating power saws and axes while wearing SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus), and full protective clothing. Strength sufficient enough to lift and move victims and equipment weighing in excess of fifty pounds; open fire hydrants, and perform firefighting and ventilation work. Endurance sufficient enough to maintain an appropriate level of performance in extreme heat while wearing an SCBA and full protective clothing.

Work is performed in the field and in the fire stations. Field work involves performing fire rescue operation tasks in temperatures above 80 degrees and below 30 degrees while wearing an SCBA and full protective clothing. General fire station work involves equipment maintenance and upkeep, cleaning apparatus room and equipment, bedding hose, and other tasks assigned by the officer in charge. Also, work will be done in hazardous atmospheres, zero visibility, temperatures in excess of 300 degrees, confined spaces, water rescues, exposure to hazardous materials, communicable diseases, blood born pathogens, and electrical hazards in excess of 120 volts.

I have read and understand this Firefighter Position Description and agree to all within.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

*Note: This position description must be signed, dated and returned with application.

BRIGHTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #5, INC.

50 Jamaica Road
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Membership Application:

I hereby make application for active membership in the Brighton Volunteer Fire Company #5, Inc. If accepted, I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Company. I agree to attend all scheduled, unscheduled and required drills, emergency calls, parades and meetings. I also agree to support the various activities of the Company, both social and for the purpose of raising monies, to serve on committees, to cover assignments to the best of my abilities, to obey the orders of the Fire District, Fire Company and Fire Line Officers and to conduct myself at all times in a manner befitting a member of the Brighton Volunteer Fire Company #5, Inc.

FILL IN ALL BLANKS

Name, Address, City, State and Zip:

Phone Work: _____ Home: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Marital Status: _____ If married, Spouse's name:

Length of residence at your present address: _____

If less than ten (10) years, list former residences for the past ten (10) years:

Education

High School Attended, Address, City, State and Zip:

Date Graduated: _____ Years Completed: _____

College or Trade School, Address, City, State and Zip

Date Graduated: _____ Years Completed: _____

Degree(s), if any:

Other education schools, if any:

Military

Branch of service: _____ Dates served: _____

Type of Discharge: _____

Are you currently in a reserve program? _____

Employment

Present Employer: _____

Address, City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Supervisors Name: _____

Position Held: _____

Length of Employment: _____ years _____ months

List other employers and reason for leaving for the past ten (10) years:

Name, address, reason for leaving, phone:

Health/Medical

Weight: _____ lbs Height: _____ ft _____ in Blood type: _____

Do you have any physical or mental conditions which may hinder your activities as an active firefighter?

If so, what? _____

Do you have any allergies? _____

If so, what? _____

Do you agree to be medically examined at no charge, by our physician? YES NO (circle one)

References

List three (3) *Non-relatives* that we may contact to discuss your application.

Name, address, city, state, zip and phone:

1.) _____

2.) _____

3.) _____

General Information

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? _____

If so, where? _____

When? _____

And for what? _____

Have you ever belonged to the Fire Service (department) before? _____

If so, list address of department, dates served, phone number, contact person and reason for leaving:

List any special qualifications or skills? _____

New York State Drivers License Number: _____

Do you presently know any firefighters of this Fire Company? _____

If so, who and for how long: _____

Attach to this application a recent color photograph of yourself no less than 2½ inches by 2½ inches, a copy of your drivers license and, if applicable, a copy of your military discharge papers.

I hereby certify that all the above information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicants Signature

Date

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This application, accompanied with all necessary information was received by the investigating committee on _____, and was read at the regular company meeting held on _____ and will be posted as per the by-laws.

Investigating committee reports favorable/unfavorable on this applicant: _____

Chairman _____ Committee initials _____

Accepted by Membership on _____

Accepted by Fire District on _____

First Drill attended on _____