

Who are Depew Volunteer Firefighters?

We are your neighbor, the “guy or girl next door.” We are husbands, fathers, sons, wives, mothers or daughters. We are the factory worker, the business owner, the corporate executive. We are the jogger, the sports fan, the handyman. We are just like everyone else, save for that one special quality... we will risk our life to save yours. You'll see us in offices, waiting rooms and at little league games. You'll see us in every house of worship and in our local stores, proudly wearing the emblem which shows that we are a member of a fraternity dedicated to preserving life... All Lives.

Our car is the one backed into the driveway with the blue light on the dashboard, our keys hang by the door and a pair of boots stand at the foot of our bed, ready to go at a moments notice. We are silent during the national anthem and salute when the flag goes by. We'll sacrifice the best of times at the sound of the alarm. We'll return home to many cold dinners. For all of this we receive no pay. We will be there when you need us and we never expect anything in return for our actions.

Anonymous

We have been waiting for YOU!

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Depew Fire Department
Professionally Staffed by Volunteers

Prospective Member Guide

*It is our mission
to serve our community's
fire prevention, fire suppression,
and rescue needs
by responding quickly, safely,
and professionally to
all calls with qualified personnel.*



What's it like to volunteer in the fire service?

Being a volunteer firefighter is one of the most challenging and one of the most gratifying volunteer services. You will be trained to cope with situations which range from home fires to alarm activations. Once you have been properly trained, your skills may be needed at any time of the day or night, seven days a week, and in all types of weather.

As volunteer firefighters in our community we are here for two basic reasons—fire prevention and fire suppression. These are achieved through education, training, pre-incident planning, and more training.

This opportunity is not for everyone. You need more than the desire to help people. You need to be trustworthy respectful, enthusiastic, and have the willingness to learn new skills and face new challenges. You must have the time for emergency calls, training, and meetings.

The personal rewards of being a Depew Volunteer Firefighter are broad. You may feel a great sense of accomplishment after controlling a building fire, feel compassion for helping a property owner, or feel fulfillment in teaching fire safety. The bottom line is that we are prepared for one reason, and that is to provide a life-saving service to our community.

Safety is our #1 priority

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Depew Firefighter is someone who embodies these principles:

- Ability to Take Direction and Perform as a Team Player
- Creative Problem Solving
- Dependability
- Enthusiasm
- Good Communications Skills
- Integrity
- Personal Accountability
- Pride
- Respect
- Responsiveness
- Take Initiative
- Trustworthiness

Volunteer Opportunities Available

Explorer Firefighter (ages 14-17)
Works and trains along fellow firefighters.

Exterior Firefighter (ages 18+)
Provides exterior scene support services.

Interior Firefighter (ages 18+)
Search and rescue, initial attack, and overhaul.

Fire Police (ages 21+)
Traffic control, scene preservation.

Auxiliary Member (ages 18+)
Provides essential firefighter support during calls and includes fund raising and special events assignments.

Membership in the Depew Volunteer Fire Department has its benefits!

- Free training in firefighting, rescue, and other specialized topics
- \$200 State Income Tax Credit
- Retirement incentive plan (earn up to \$600 per month at retirement)
- Fitness and recreation rooms
- Access to scholarship programs
- Group activities, organized sports, and family events
- Experience working as a team
- Family atmosphere
- **Respect** from the community you serve!

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