

Volunteers Needed

Did you know that volunteer firefighters compose approximately 70% of all American firefighters? Did you know that the number of volunteers in the United States has declined by five to ten percent between 1983 and 2013?

Like many volunteer fire departments across the nation, local volunteer fire departments are experiencing declining community participation. Fewer volunteer firefighters affect the ability of your local fire departments to respond and provide vital emergency services within our community. Our volunteers are required to train and meet state and national firefighting standards in firefighting, emergency medical care, hazardous materials, rescue and a multitude of other skills. When you call 911, you expect prompt, reliable and skilled response from professionals. However, with the decline in volunteers at both the local and national level, this expectation is becoming harder and harder to maintain.

Pennsylvania has been known for its volunteer fire service but now that is in jeopardy. We need volunteers to sustain our daily operations and to preserve the quality service and rapid emergency response that we have been accustomed to receiving. The alternative to the volunteer service is very costly and would have a significant financial burden on you and your local municipality to institute career departments.

Our local fire departments need your help. The cost of doing business, maintaining facilities, equipment and apparatus, and replacing fire apparatus is skyrocketing. We have a desperate need for not only firefighters but for volunteers to assist with fundraising, community outreach and education programs for schools and community groups, vehicle and facility maintenance, grant writing, technology management, public relations and social media releases, and many administrative tasks. There are opportunities for practically everyone. By volunteering in one of these areas our active firefighters can spend more time on training, response and focus on our mission of providing the highest level of emergency response and service to our community.

Volunteering within a community is one of the best ways to make a difference; both to yourself and the community in which you serve. Take the challenge and volunteer at your local fire department today! Learn how by visiting our website at www.dillsburgfire.com or calling (717)-432-3281. We will be glad to put you in contact with a representative from Citizens' Hose Company No 1, Franklintown and Community Volunteer Fire Company or a local department near you.