



Woodstock Volunteer Fire Association

Station 76

Information Sheet

The **Woodstock Volunteer Fire Association (WVFA)** is a nonprofit volunteer organization whose purpose is to provide emergency services to the Town of Woodstock. The WVFA is made up of people who live or work in the WVFA Fire District who have chosen to perform community service by volunteering as a Firefighter, Rescue Team Member, Fire Police, Medical Technician, or Support Team member.

The WVFA has contracted with the Town of Woodstock to provide fire protection services for the WVFA Fire District and to provide ambulance service for the entire town of Woodstock. The WVFA Fire District primarily serves the South and Southeastern sections of Woodstock including Woodstock Hill.

WVFA actually contains several groups - the WVFA Firefighters, the WVFA Search and Rescue Team, the Woodstock Emergency Medical Service (WEMS) and the WVFA Support Team. The WVFA provides the organizational and financial framework within which each of these groups operates.

The **WVFA Firefighters** are the largest group within the organization. The Firefighters respond to all types of fires, to automobile accidents, to searches, they assist in water rescues, and assist in medical calls. The WVFA Firefighters also have their own Fire Police who provide traffic control at a fire scene.

The **Woodstock Emergency Medical Service (WEMS)** is the group within the WVFA that provides response in time of medical emergencies. It provides two levels of emergency care. "First Responders" are MRT's (Medical Response Technicians) and EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) who respond directly to the scene of an emergency to render immediate life support for critical emergencies until the ambulance arrives. The second level of support is provided by the ambulance personnel from the scene of the emergency to the hospital. WEMS is also a participant in Northeastern Connecticut's Paramedic Intercept Program. The 911 Dispatcher or WEMS personnel on the scene can request that the Paramedic "intercept" the ambulance to provide advanced care for critically ill patients prior to reaching the hospital. In some emergencies WEMS calls in Life Flight (Worcester) or Life Star (Hartford) Helicopters.

The **WVFA Support Team** members provide support services (such as refreshments) to the other groups during emergencies. The functions of this group are expanding as needs are identified.

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Questionnaire

1. Can you attend a Fire Fighter 1, First Responder or EMT courses? YES NO
2. Please list any skills which you feel relate to the position being applied for?
3. Have you ever been a member of another Fire or EMS organization? *(Please include the name.)*
4. Did you hold any office in that fire or EMS organization? *(Please include your title.)*
5. Do you hold a current Firefighter, Emergency Medical or diver certification? *(Please indicate the level of certification and date of expiration if any. Also include any current Instructor qualifications, i.e., CPR, FirstAid, etc.).*
6. Have you ever been convicted as an adult of a felony? YES NO
If yes, date and place:
Nature of offense:
Disposition:
7. What hours are you available to respond to calls?
Approximate minutes from home to Fire Station: ____
Approximate minutes from work to Fire Station: ____
8. Do you have any commitments or responsibilities that might prevent you from meeting job requirements?
YES NO
If yes, please explain:

The following questions are for background purposes only and will not affect your application for membership in the WVFA:

1. Can you be available for the following meetings and training sessions MONTHLY?

First Monday, 7:30-8:30pm (Monthly MTG) YES NO

Second Monday, 7:30-9:00pm (FF Drill Night) YES NO

Third Monday, 7:30-9:00pm (FF Work Night) YES. NO

2. Please list your Military Service if applicable:

Branch of Service:

Reserve Status:

Attendance requirements if in the Reserve or Guard

3. Do you have mechanical, electrical or other specialized work experience? YES NO
If yes, please explain:

4. How did you hear about the WVFA?

5. Are you currently immunized for Hepatitis-B? YES NO
Have you had the COVID vaccine? YES NO

6. Are you aware of any physical deficit or psychological challenge that might hinder your performance as an Emergency Responder? (This question is meant to define your limits - not to disqualify you from active Fire/EMS service. Examples: poor eye sight, hypertension, fear of heights, claustrophobia, etc.).

7. Do you have heavy truck or equipment experience?

8. Do you have a valid CDL (Commercial Driver's License)?

9. Can you actively serve on Association committees? *(Please indicate your area of interest).*

House Membership Public Relations Nominating Fire Prevention

Public Education Finance Fair Special Events

Woodstock Volunteer Fire Association Cadets, Explorers, and Junior Firefighters

WVFA Members under the age of 18 are required to follow the **Minor Firefighter Guidelines** as published by the Connecticut State Commission on Fire Prevention and Control.

Cadets are to be accompanied by an officer at all times at the station or receive permission to be at the station alone by an officer.

Any Cadet applicant (Firefighter under the age of 18) must have written permission from his/her Parent/Guardian. The Cadet applicant must be accompanied by their Parent/Guardian throughout the interview process.

Guidelines for Cadets/Explorers/Junior Firefighters

The following activities for all firefighter trainees under the age of eighteen (18) years are prohibited:

1. Driving any department vehicle in emergency mode.
2. Perform interior fire suppression involving structures, vehicles, or woodland fires, except grass fires.
3. Operate a personal vehicle with blue lights.
4. Perform firefighting overhaul duties.
5. Respond to hazardous materials fires, spills or other events which may expose the minor to toxic and/or hazardous materials exceeding a threshold limit value listed in the table section 1910.1000 of subpart Z of 29 CFR 1910. (Allows for small motor vehicle fuel leaks).
6. Performs any activity, except training performed by qualified personnel (after medical certification as required by 29 CFR 1910.134) involving the use of self contained breathing apparatus.
7. Enter a confined space as defined in 29 CFR 1910.146.
8. Perform "off-shore" ice rescue activities.
9. Perform any duty which involve the risk of falling a distance of 6 feet or more, including the use of ladders.
10. Filling air bottles.
11. Using cutting torches.
12. Operating aerial ladders.
13. Performing any duties involving the use of lines greater than 2.5 except 5-6" suction lines during drafting operations.

The following activities may be performed by minors 16 and 17 years of age.

***These activities may only be performed between 6AM and 12AM.**

1. Attend and take part in supervised training.
2. Wear personal protective equipment that readily identifies them as a “minor firefighter.”
3. May respond to emergencies on fire department apparatus after receiving proper training.
4. Participate in functions within the rehabilitation sector.
5. Pick up hose and clean up at the fire scene after the Incident Commander has declared the area as safe.
6. Fight grass fires after receiving proper training.
7. Perform search and rescue operations, not including structural firefighting.
8. Use pneumatic/power driven saws, shears, Hurst-type tools, or other power tools during training evolutions only.
9. Enter the interior of a fire structure after the fire is extinguished and the structure has been declared safe by the Incident Commander.
10. Set up uncharged attack lines exterior to the structure.
11. Change SCBA bottles at emergency scenes.
12. Perform traffic control duties after receiving proper training.
13. Operate pumps less than 300 gpm at an emergency scene.
14. Handle charged hose lines up to 1 3/4” in diameter.
15. Drive department vehicles less than 10,000 pounds GVWR, in a non-emergency mode, after receiving proper training.

Minors age 14 and 15 may only perform the following activities:

***These activities may only be performed between 7AM and 10PM.**

1. Attend meetings that conclude no later than 10PM throughout the year.
2. Respond to incidents no later than 7PM and may remain on scene no later than 10PM.
3. Wear personal protective equipment that readily identifies them as a “minor firefighter.”
4. Receive instruction and engage in training that does not involve fire, smoke (escape theatrical/latex smoke), toxic or noxious gas, or hazardous materials or substances.
5. May respond to emergencies on fire department apparatus after receiving proper training after the age of fifteen.
6. Observe exterior firefighting activities, while under supervision.
7. Clean up service at the scene of a fire, but only outside of the structure and only after the scene has been declared safe by the Incident Commander.
8. Participate in functions within the rehabilitation sector.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Address _____

Parent/Guardian Phone _____

Additional Emergency Contacts:

By signing below you acknowledge receipt and review of the above requirements as they pertain to your minor.

Parent/Guardian signature _____ **Date** _____

By signing below you acknowledge receipt and review of the above requirements as they pertain to your age group.

Cadet Applicant (MINOR) _____ **Date** _____
D/O/B _____

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Membership Application

Date:_____/_____/_____

Name:_____ Home Phone: _____

Address:_____ Work Phone: _____

Town:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____ Employer:_____

Mailing Address:_____ Email: _____

I am interested in: Association Fire EMS Divers Fire Police Support Team

Who do we notify in case of emergency:

Name:_____ Relation:_____ Telephone: _____

Referred by: _____

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN WHERE INDICATED

I certify that all the information I have provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that giving false information or omitting information could result in rejection of my application or dismissal if I am accepted as a member of Woodstock Volunteer Fire Association.

1. If accepted for membership, I agree to adhere to the By-laws, rules and regulations of the WVFA(Woodstock Vol. Fire Association).
2. I understand that if my membership application is approved, I will be a probationary member for six months (180 days), that the probationary period begins when I am accepted for membership by the association, and that the WVFA has the right to terminate my membership during the probationary period for any reason.
3. I understand that I will be required to take periodic physical examinations to determine my fitness for Emergency Service.
4. Reasonably attend monthly meetings (First Monday of each month). Attend monthly drills per selected discipline (Second/third Monday of each month for Fire, fourth Tuesday of every month for EMS).
5. Attend mandatory Hazardous Material, Bloodborne Pathogens classes and other training as prescribed in the Fire Department Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures deemed necessary for safety and insurance requirements.

Applicant's Signature:(Must be 18) _____ D/O/B _____

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DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Presented to the WVFA President:_____/_____/_____

Initials:_____

Date of Interview:_____/_____/_____

Interviewed by: _____

Recommended for Membership:

Yes No

Presented to the Membership:_____/_____/_____

Initials:_____

Membership Vote:_____/_____/_____ Accepted Rejected Candidate Notified:_____/_____/_____

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