



Shelburne Fire Department

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## **PROSPECTIVE MEMBER INFORMATION PACKET**

### **Who we are:**

- The Shelburne Fire Department has been in continuous service since 1941.
- An all volunteer department with 25 to 35 members.
- We welcome members from 16 years old on up. We presently have several members in the 60+ age category and people under 18 can join as Cadet members.
- We actively solicit both males and females to join.
- Our members come with a variety of educational backgrounds and job experience. We welcome the diversity. Our current membership includes engineers, retired people, a physical therapy technician, an airline pilot, a financial analyst, salespeople, a cook, production workers, a utility dispatcher, cell phone technicians, a real estate broker, etc.
- We primarily serve Shelburne, but are also available to assist in the surrounding area.
- We respond to approximately 200 calls per year for the following types of emergencies:

Motor vehicle accidents	Wind/ice storms
Water rescues	Forest fires
Downed power lines	Lost persons
Carbon monoxide alarms	Off road accidents (Hikers, Snowmobiles, ATVs )
Fire alarms	Ice rescues
Flooded basements	Farm accidents
Hazardous material spills	Industrial accidents
Fires	Assist Shelburne Police and Rescue
- We need people 24/7, therefore night shift employees and people employed in the area are encouraged to apply.
- The department promotes social and family activities including family movie nights, baseball games, bowling, fireman musters and holiday parties.

### **Positions available:**

- *Cadet member:* Youths between 16 and 18 years old with an interest in learning more about the fire service. Participates in training and emergency duties with restrictions and close supervision.
- *Active firefighter:* People 18 years of age or older that live in Shelburne and have a desire to train and participate in the types of emergencies listed above.
- *Auxiliary Members:* Available for firefighters that are not residents of Shelburne, but that work in Shelburne for an employer willing to release them for firefighting duties. Discussions with the employer need to occur in order to define the situations for which the employee can be released (some will only release on second alarms, for example). Auxiliary members are not eligible to serve as Officers.
- *Support member:* People 18 yrs or older who do not want to be active firefighters, but wish to assist in other duties. These can include areas such as traffic control, assisting in the review of plans, maintenance/cleaning duties, publicity/recruiting, fire prevention education.



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### ***Training:***

- No experience is needed to join the Department.
- The Shelburne Fire Department provides training at no cost to the member. Examples include:
  - The County-sponsored rookie course (40 hours).
  - Firefighter Level I: A modular State course given at various locations. This course covers all aspects of firefighting and leads to a nationally-recognized certificate. (136 hours)
  - Department training: Held every Thursday from 6:30 to 9:00 pm (except the first Thursday of the month which is reserved for the monthly business meeting).
  - Weekend courses: These are offered several times a year. This is an opportunity to take specific courses (2-16 hours) on topics of interest to you.
  - For those who work unusual hours, special arrangements may be made for training.
- A mentor will be assigned to help you feel welcome and to assist you in choosing appropriate training.
- Support members will have specialized training customized to their jobs.

### ***Commitment:***

- Calls: It is impossible for every member to make every call. We do ask Cadet, Active and Auxiliary members to make as many calls as they can. Cadet members are not permitted to leave school to answer calls.
- Training meetings: Certain skills must be practiced on a regular basis to meet Federal, State, and Shelburne Fire Department requirements. These include mandatory annual recertifications for CPR, Automated External Defibrillator (AED), VOSHA Personal Protection, and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (as applicable). It is expected that members will attend a minimum of five training drills per quarter.

### ***Application process:***

- Complete the attached application form.
- Mail the completed form to:
  - Shelburne Fire Department
  - Attn: Membership Committee
  - P.O. Box 911
  - Shelburne, Vermont, 05482
- Upon receipt of the application, an interview scheduled with the Membership Committee.
- Questions may be left in the Membership Committee voice mailbox by calling 985-2366.