

Brighton Fire Company  
Membership Application



## 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 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 to accept new applicants into the fire company as a probationary firefighter throughout the year.

All applications must be returned to the Brighton Volunteer Fire Company by mail. Please mail them to:

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

You **MUST** provide three (3) letters of reference along with your application. Failure to provide the letters may delay the application process.

After your application has been received and reviewed, you will be notified by mail to attend your first informal interview. 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.

*- Thank you for your interest in becoming a Volunteer Firefighter. -*



## **BRIGHTON FIRE COMPANY GENERAL INFORMATION**



The Brighton Volunteer Fire Company has been serving the public since 1930, protecting approximately 7 square miles. We respond to emergency calls for fire, rescue, and hazardous material incidents. We operate out of 3 stations, Station 1 located on Jamaica Road, Station 2 located on McConkey Drive, and Station 3 located on Ellicott Creek Road. We also operate a fire prevention program which holds 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 company membership. Our department also has 3 fire chiefs and a complement of fire line officers (Captains & Lieutenants) for each of the stations.

Some Facts:

- Fire training drills are held every Wednesday at 10am and again at 7pm
- The fire company conducts all of its business at the monthly meeting 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 membership is 100% volunteer

## **BRIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT #5 GENERAL INFORMATION**



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 training, equipment and all personal protective equipment at no cost to the active member.

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

# Brighton Volunteer Fire Company #5 Membership Application

I hereby request active membership in the Brighton Volunteer Fire Company #5. If accepted, I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the fire company. I agree to attend all scheduled and required 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 our committees. Also to cover assignments to the best of my abilities, to obey the orders of the fire district, fire company, and the fire officers. And to conduct myself at all times in a manner befitting a member of the Brighton Volunteer Fire Company #5.

## FILL IN ALL BLANKS

Name, Address, City, State, and Zip

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Phone:      Work: \_\_\_\_\_      Home/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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## Education:

High School Attended, Address, City State, and Zip

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Date Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Date Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s) if any:

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Other educational schools, if any:

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**Military:**

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently in a reserve program? If so, what branch?

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**Employment:**

Present Employer:

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Address, City, State, Zip

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months

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

Name, Address, Reason for leaving, Phone #:

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**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 yes, explain.

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Do you have any allergies? If yes, what?

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Do you agree to be medically examined at no charge to you by our physician? \_\_\_\_\_

**References:**

List three non-relatives that we may contact to discuss your application. Letters of reference must be submitted along with the completed application.

Name, Address, City, State, Zip, and Phone:

1.) \_\_\_\_\_

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2.) \_\_\_\_\_

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3.) \_\_\_\_\_

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**General Information:**

Will you sign a release of information so that Brighton Fire District #5 can do a record check on you?

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Have you ever been convicted of a sexual offense? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever belonged to a fire company/department? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, Departments Name, Address, Dates Served, Phone Number, Reason for Leaving:

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Do you have any special qualifications or skills? \_\_\_\_\_

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New York State Drivers License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you presently know any firefighters currently in the Brighton Fire Company? If so please list.

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With application please attach a copy of your driver's 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**COMPANY USE ONLY – DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE**

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



## **FIREFIGHTER POSITION & DUTIES**

### **Definition:**

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

### **Examples of Essential Functions:**

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 of water 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 risk, 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 along with identifying hazards to the firefighter.
9. Completes all training necessary to fulfill departmental, state, and OSHA requirements to insure professional development.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

Through knowledge of basic fire prevention, suppression practices and techniques, fire ground rescue safety techniques, hand and power tools used in suppression, emergency rescue techniques and equipment, hazardous material for fire 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, 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 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 in excess of fifty pounds, open fire hydrants, 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 the fire stations. Field work involves performing fire rescue operation tasks in temperatures above 80 degrees and below 30 degrees while wearing and SCBA and full protective clothing. General fire station work involves equipment maintenance and upkeep, cleaning apparatus room, 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 and 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 the application.