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## ***\*\*\*Looking for a way to make a difference in your community?\*\*\****

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Otisfield Fire Department, download the OTFD Application from this website, fill it out, and drop by the Spurr's Corner Fire Station on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month between 7 PM and 9 PM. If you are unable to download the application, stop by anyway and we will provide one for you.

The Otisfield Fire Department serves many roles within our community, from responding to car accidents, Medical Response (EMT), Hazardous Materials Incidents, woods fires, and structure fires and to general community assistance when requested or assisting in times of need, such as flooding, wind storms, etc. Within the department, there are many roles that members can serve – not everyone has to be an interior firefighter. The following is intended to better define these roles.

### ❖ **Interior Attack Firefighter**

Certification in Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus required. Participation in a Firefighter I class highly recommended. The OTFD does accept responsibility for the cost of this class upon successful completion.

### ❖ **Firefighter - Driver/Operator**

Can perform all duties of an interior attack firefighter except those that require certification in Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus; i.e. Interior Attack Structural Firefighting.

### ❖ **1<sup>st</sup> Responder**

EMT-Basic responds to emergency medical calls and requires a State level EMT-Basic License.

### ❖ **Support**

Assists firefighters with traffic control, performs rehab duties including monitoring the health and wellness of firefighters on scene, and generally lends a hand to firefighters allowing them to focus on their job assignment.

### ❖ **Officer**

The Chief of the OTFD is elected annually by the department personnel. All other officers are then appointed by the Chief. They are:

- Deputy Chief
- Assistant Chief
- EMS Chief
- Captain (2)
- Lieutenant
- Safety Officer
- Training Officer



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### List of Required Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of geographic area of the town
- Knowledge of firefighting equipment and its intended use
- Ability to act quickly and calmly in an emergency situation and to determine the proper course of action
- Ability to operate a variety of fire equipment
- Ability to learn to operate a large truck safely (Valid driver's license is a requirement for hire)
- Ability to work under extreme weather conditions and dangerous situations
- Ability to follow and understand oral and written instructions
- Ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with the public and other employees
- Ability to wear heavy protective clothing for extended periods of time
- Ability to climb ladders
- Ability to operate power equipment
- Ability to physically and mentally climb to different heights and function in close quarters
- Ability to learn to perform tasks utilizing various types of office equipment
- Knowledge of fire prevention, Otisfield Fire Departments' policies and guidelines and the Town of Otisfield Handbook.

### Working Conditions

Employees will operate firefighting equipment including, but not limited to, nozzles, hoses, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, power saws and generators. Firefighting emergency operations must be performed in all kinds of weather conditions and exposure hazards. Employees frequently exposed to such hazardous situations as extreme heat, cold, smoke, hazardous chemicals, falling materials, medical emergencies and automobile accidents. The safety of our victims and our firefighters are of the utmost importance. However, the potential for injury and/or death are a potential hazard of the job.

### Physical Demands

SCBA Employees must be physically able to wear for long periods of time the complete set of protective clothing and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (if so certified) that consists of 35 to 80 lbs. Frequently lift objects up to 100 lbs or heavier. Perform duties requiring bending, crouching, stooping, climbing and crawling.

Non-SCBA must be physically able to wear for long periods of time the complete set of protective clothing that can consist of up to 35 lbs.. Must be capable of lifting object up to 80 lbs. and perform duties requiring bending, crouching, stooping, climbing, standing for long periods of time and crawling. 1<sup>st</sup> responders need to assist in lifting and moving patients.

### Commitment

Being a firefighter is a commitment of between 50 to 200 hours per year for training, administration and emergency response depending on your skill level. The Otisfield Fire Department has 5 skill levels that require different capabilities, skill sets and training requirements;

1. Firefighter – Support – Basic level of Firefighter. New firefighters with no previous training start here. This skill set requires approximately 50 hrs of training to gain the skill sets identified above to be able to respond to emergencies and perform the support role.
2. Firefighter -Driver/Operator - Requires support training (50hrs) plus an additional 60 hours of training usually over the first two years in order to respond with an emergency vehicle and run pumps for water supply and fire attack for an approximate total of 110 hrs.
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Responder (EMT- Basic) – Requires State certification of 120 hrs Plus 20 hrs of Driver training for approximately 140 hrs total.
4. Firefighter - Interior (SCBA) – Interior firefighters require a high level of training approximately 120 hours in addition to the 110 hours for support and Driver /Operator training for a total of approximately 230hrs.
5. Firefighter - Officer. Requires mastering all the skills of a firefighter and being able to lead and teach.



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To be successful as a firefighter it truly takes dedication. If you feel you can fill one or more of these functions as a firefighter please fill out this application and submit to Chief Hooker (207-272-8783).

❖ **New members will be:**

- Assigned a mentor through the probationary period (first six months)
- Be trained in the operation of firefighting equipment including, but not limited to, vehicle and pump operation, nozzles, hoses, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, power saws and generators
- Assigned to a vehicle in the fleet to assist in monthly inspections and maintenance reports

All applications are subject to a criminal records check and a mental health check. Applications will also be reviewed by the officers of the department. The Otisfield Fire Department has the right to accept or deny any applicant.

## **Join the Team and Help Your Community!**