

MIDWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

LAHASKA, PENNSYLVANIA 18931



Chartered 1931

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Midway Volunteer Fire Company (MVFC) have been providing fire protection and rescue services to the communities of Buckingham and Solebury in Bucks County, PA since 1931. Our fire company is made up of 100% volunteers. These volunteers are your neighbors and co-workers who are dedicated to protecting the residents, as well as the homes and businesses of Buckingham, Solebury and the surrounding communities.

Our mission is to endeavor to protect and preserve life, property, and the environment in our primary service area of Buckingham and Solebury Townships, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and aid surrounding communities. To accomplish this end, the Company will employ state-of-the-art technology, train fire company personnel to nationally recognized standards, and enhance public safety through fire and safety awareness and education.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member.

Completed applications for membership may be dropped off in person at our Main Station located at 5770 Route 202 next to Peddlers Village, each Tuesday evening. To make arrangements to drop off your application at a more convenient time, or talk with a member of the membership committee, please e-mail us at president@midwayvfc.com.

Once your completed application package has been received, the membership committee will complete a background check and schedule an interview with you. After your interview and background check have been completed, the membership committee will make a recommendation to the Company whether or not to accept your application. A vote by the membership to accept you as a member of the Fire Company will then take place at the next scheduled monthly business meeting (the Monday following the second Tuesday of each month). You should plan on attending this meeting.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

Midway currently has six membership classifications for which you can apply. Fire police officers and firefighters constitute the operational side of the fire service and involve dynamic, physically demanding activities during training and emergency calls. Contributing and Honorary memberships are available for those individuals who wish to serve the furtherance of the Company and its objectives by serving in a non-firefighting or non-fire police capacity.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Probationary Fire Police Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Probationary Firefighter (under 18 years of age) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Probationary Firefighter (over 18 years of age) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary member | <input type="checkbox"/> Probationary Assisting Firefighter (currently serving with <u>another</u> Fire Company) |

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Present Address: _____

How long have you lived at your present address? _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State _____ Exp. Date _____

Real ID issued with Driver's License? Yes. No. (please circle)

Previous Names or Alias You've Used: _____

Spouse or Partner's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

PREVIOUS ADDRESSES

Please provide all previous addresses prior to the address above back to 1975:

1st Previous Address _____
From: _____ To: _____

2nd Previous Address _____
From: _____ To: _____

3rd Previous Address _____
From: _____ To: _____

4th Previous Address _____
From: _____ To: _____

5th Previous Address _____
From: _____ To: _____

Attach a separate sheet if needed.

PEOPLE LIVED WITH SINCE 1975 (SPOUSES, PARTNERS AND ROOMMATES)

Name: _____
From: _____ To: _____

Name: _____
From: _____ To: _____

Name: _____
From: _____ To: _____

Name: _____
From: _____ To: _____

Name: _____
From: _____ To: _____

Name: _____
From: _____ To: _____

Attach a separate sheet if needed.

EMPLOYMENT

Please list past and present employers, starting with the most recent.

Company: _____ Years employed: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Position: _____
Type of business: _____

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PRIOR EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPERIENCE

No prior emergency services experience is required. All training and necessary equipment will be provided by MVFC.

Do you have any previous firefighting, rescue and/or fire police experience? _____

If yes, please complete the information requested below. Please be sure to include copies of any training certificates you have received when submitting your application.

Fire Company/ Department: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Start /end date of membership: _____

Fire Company/ Department: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Start /end date of membership: _____

Please check any training courses that you have completed.

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| _____ Firefighter 1 | _____ Hazmat Operations |
| _____ Firefighter 2 | _____ Hazmat Technician |
| _____ FAST/ RIT Team Training | _____ Officer 1 |
| _____ Basic Vehicle Rescue | _____ Officer 2 |
| _____ Special Vehicle/Bus Rescue | _____ Officer 3 |
| _____ EVOC/ Driver Training | _____ Officer 4 |
| _____ Pump 1 | _____ 1 st Responder/EMT/ Paramedic |
| _____ Pump 2 | _____ Fire Police Training |
| _____ Hazmat Awareness | _____ ICS (any level) |

Have you ever held an executive office or line officer positions? _____

If yes, please list:

Position: _____ Number of years _____

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Position: _____ Number of years _____

EDUCATION

High School: _____ Address: _____

Number of years attended: _____

College: _____ Address: _____

Number of years attended: _____

Technical School: _____ Address: _____

Number of years attended: _____

PERSONAL REFERENCES

(do not use current/former employers or relatives)

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Occupation/Affiliation: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Occupation/Affiliation: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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BACKGROUND CHECKS AND CLEARANCES

The Midway Volunteer Fire Company requires that all adult applicants submit to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Child Protective Services Law as it related to background checks and clearances. The MVFC policy regarding these background clearances requires that the appropriate clearances be obtained prior to acceptance into membership.

Be advised that on behalf of the applicant, MVFC personnel will submit the applicant's name for background checks and clearances to the following entities:

- The Pennsylvania State Police criminal record check
- The Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance
- The FBI Criminal Background Check (only for those applicants who have not resided in Pennsylvania for the previous 10 consecutive years)

MEDICAL EVALUATION

Given the physically demanding nature of firefighting and fire police activities, those applicants who intend on serving MVFC as Probationary Fire Police Officers, Junior Probationary Firefighters (those under 18 years of age), Probationary Firefighters or Probationary Assisting Firefighters will be required to obtain a medical clearance from a doctor prior to engaging in any training or operational activities with MVFC. This requirement is intended to protect the applicant during physical training or testing, and ensure his or her ability to safely perform the required tasks. As a reference, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has outlined 13 widely accepted tasks and job descriptions as they relate to firefighters and fire police officers. These are listed on the following page.

Those applicants applying as an Honorary or Contributing member are not required to obtain any medical clearance.

Reimbursements of expenses related to this requirement are authorized by the Midway Volunteer Firefighters Relief Association. All probationary, active and assisting members are provided with annual medical evaluations at no cost.

Essential Job Tasks and Descriptions from NFPA 1582, 2013 edition

(NFPA 1582: Standard on Medical Requirements for Fire Fighters and Information for Fire Department Physicians)

- 1) While wearing personal protective ensembles and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), performing firefighting tasks (e.g., hoseline operations, extensive crawling, lifting and carrying heavy objects, ventilating roofs or walls using power or hand tools, forcible entry), rescue operations, and other emergency response actions under stressful conditions including working in extremely hot or cold environments for prolonged time periods.
- 2) Wearing an SCBA, which includes a demand valve–type positive-pressure face piece or HEPA filter masks, which requires the ability to tolerate increased respiratory workloads.
- 3) Exposure to toxic fumes, irritants, particulates, biological (infectious) and non-biological hazards, and/or heated gases, despite the use of personal protective ensembles and SCBA.
- 4) Depending on the local jurisdiction, climbing six or more flights of stairs while wearing fire protective ensemble, including SCBA, weighing at least 50 lbs. or more and carrying equipment/tools weighing an additional 20 to 40 lbs.
- 5) Wearing fire protective ensemble, including SCBA, that is encapsulating and insulated, which will result in significant fluid loss that frequently progresses to clinical dehydration and can elevate core temperature to levels exceeding 102.2°F.
- 6) While wearing personal protective ensembles and SCBA, searching, finding, and rescue-dragging or carrying victims ranging from newborns up to adults weighing over 200 lbs. to safety despite hazardous conditions and low visibility.
- 7) While wearing personal protective ensembles and SCBA, advancing water-filled hoselines up to 2 ½ in. in diameter from fire apparatus to occupancy [approximately 150 ft.], which can involve negotiating multiple flights of stairs, ladders, and other obstacles.
- 8) While wearing personal protective ensembles and SCBA, climbing ladders, operating from heights, walking or crawling in the dark along narrow and uneven surfaces that might be wet or icy, and operating in proximity to electrical power lines or other hazards.
- 9) Unpredictable emergency requirements for prolonged periods of extreme physical exertion without benefit of warm-up, scheduled rest periods, meals, access to medication(s), or hydration.
- 10) Operating fire apparatus or other vehicles in an emergency mode with emergency lights and sirens.
- 11) Critical, time-sensitive, complex problem solving during physical exertion in stressful, hazardous environments, including hot, dark, tightly enclosed spaces, that is further aggravated by fatigue, flashing lights, sirens, and other distractions.
- 12) Ability to give and comprehend verbal orders while wearing personal protective ensembles and SCBA under conditions of high background noise, poor visibility, and drenching from hose lines and/or fixed protection systems (sprinklers), hear alarm signals, hear and locate the source of calls for assistance from victims or other firefighters.
- 13) Functioning as an integral component of a team, where sudden incapacitation of a member can result in mission failure or in risk of injury or death to civilians or other team members.

NOTIFICATION OF EXISTING MVFC POLICIES

Notice is hereby given to the applicant that Midway Volunteer Fire Company has in place, and enforces, a stringent Drug and Alcohol policy; as well as a Social Media policy, and the previously mentioned policy which requires all members, regardless of membership classification, to submit to background clearance checks as outlined in the Pennsylvania Child Protective Services law.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDINGS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

I hereby apply for membership in the Midway Volunteer Fire Company (MVFC) and, if accepted for membership, I will comply with the Constitution, Bylaws, rules, policies, standard operating guidelines, and the conduct expected of Company members.

I authorize MVFC to investigate the statements made in this application and I understand that an investigation of these statements may be made, including but not limited to, a criminal background check and a Bureau of Motor Vehicles records check. I understand that omitting or falsifying information in this application or any subsequent interview connected with this application may result in denial of membership or future expulsion from the Company.

I hereby authorize the following parties to release any and all information concerning me to the Officers of MVFC and their agent:

1. Pennsylvania Bureau of Motor Vehicles or any other state driver’s license authority,
2. any law enforcement agency,
3. any emergency services agency I was ever a member of, and
4. any employer, past or present.

If I am applying for membership as a minor, I attest that I will abide by all regulations under the Pennsylvania Child Labor Laws.

Signature of Applicant:

_____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian if applicant is under 18 years of age:

_____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

For Membership Committee Use:

Date that application was received: _____
Date of Interview: _____
Date that criminal record check was completed: _____
Date that driver’s license check was completed: _____
Recommended for membership YES/ NO, If YES,
Date of membership vote and results: _____
Membership Type: _____