

SNYDER FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMMON QUESTIONS REGARDING FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP

Q. What do members of the Fire Department do?

A. Members of the Snyder Fire Department respond to calls for emergency medical assistance and fire suppression within the Snyder Fire District (see DISTRICT MAP page for boundaries).

Q. What qualifications are required to become a member of the Snyder Fire Department?

A. The basic requirements are simple:

- To join as a firefighter you must be 18 years old at the time your application is submitted.
- A program exists for individuals 16 – 18 years old to join as a “Torchboy” (this is a historical term and applies to both female and male applicants). These individuals are limited in the duties they perform, but receive the same training as all firefighters.
- You must be a legal U.S. resident.
- You must complete a Membership Application.
- You must pass a police background check.
- The members of both the Snyder Fire Department and the Snyder Fire District must approve your application.
- You must pass a physical examination by the Snyder Fire District physician.

Q. What training is required?

A. Within the first two (2) years new members are required to pass the following training courses:

- New York State Firefighter 1
- New York State Certified First Responder or EMT

In addition, new members are encouraged to attend in-house training (we drill on Wednesday evenings, although other evenings and morning drills are also offered) to learn the procedures and practices of the Snyder Fire Department. All members are required to maintain yearly training requirements as determined by the Snyder Fire District.

Q. What equipment is required?

A. The Snyder Fire District provides all required personal equipment. This includes a pager radio, protective turnout gear, helmet, boots, gloves, EMS kit, Dress and Duty uniforms, summer and winter jackets as well as additional items.

Q. What is the cost for training and equipment?

A. The Snyder Fire District pays all costs for training and equipment. There are no out of pocket expenses for members.

Q. What will my membership mean to my family?

A. There is a time commitment associated with membership in the Department. Good time management allows members to successfully balance the requirements of work, school, family and the fire department. To encourage family interaction, the Department hosts numerous activities and outings including picnics, cookouts, seasonal parties, formal dinners and sporting events.

Q. What benefits do I receive as a member?

A. Some of the benefits you will receive include:

- The great satisfaction received by helping the residents of your community in their time of need.
- Members have access to the in-house exercise facility.
- Members are covered by a comprehensive workers compensation and life insurance policy.
- Free training and education.
- A generous retirement benefit program beginning at age 55.
- There is also the great camaraderie enjoyed by the members as a group.

Q. What is the next step required to join the Snyder Fire Department?

A. Download the Membership Application from the website. Complete the paperwork and mail or deliver the application to the:

Snyder Fire Department

4531 Main Street

Snyder, NY 14226

(Please do not email the application)

Q. What if I still have questions or need additional information?

A. You may contact the appropriate individual by phone: 839-5000, ext. #15 or email: chief@snyderfd.com