

***CHESHIRE VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT***

APPLICATION PACKET

(Please include a photocopy of your Massachusetts driver's license and a copy of your birth certificate with this completed application. This copy should be attached directly to this application.)

APPRENTICE GUIDELINES

1. Obey all orders given to you by the Officers of the Cheshire Volunteer Fire Department.
2. Always keep the best interests of the Cheshire Volunteer Fire Department in mind. All of your actions, everywhere, directly reflect on this organization. Remember:

“What you hear here, should stay here!”

3. Make every effort to attend all drills and monthly business meetings.
 - Drills are held every Thursday night and monthly business meetings are held the third Monday of every month.
 - Drills begin promptly at 7 pm – BE EARLY! Always come with full turnout gear – if you have been issued any. If you have not been issued any, see the Chief or one of his assistants.
 - As an apprentice, attending drills should be your number one priority. This is where you will attain your firefighting knowledge and skills. This is where you will experience what it takes to become a firefighter.
 - Since drill participation is an important part of your apprenticeship evaluation, it is **MANDATORY** that you notify a company officer if you are unable to attend a drill or a monthly business meeting. The company officer will then excuse you from the drill/meeting.
4. Make every effort to attend all fire calls and EMS calls.
 - If you are not issued a pager, and do not or cannot monitor the fire frequency by scanner, ask your sponsor or another member to notify you by telephone when a call comes in.

- Always respond with full turnout gear when it is issued to you. Turnout gear will not be issued to you for 30 days.
 - Never ride on or operate any piece of fire apparatus unless instructed to do so by a company officer or a senior member that is present at the time of the call.
 - When responding to a call, in a fire apparatus or in your personal vehicle, ***obey all traffic laws and never use any flashing lights of any kind. No red light is permitted. Red light permits are issued and renewed by the Massachusetts Department of Motor Vehicles through the Fire Chief. Always give members the right of way.***
 - Upon arriving at a fire scene or an EMS call, report to the first officer located and wait for instruction(s).
 - Relinquish any piece of firefighting gear or EMS gear on your person to a regular member who may have immediate need of that item.
 - In most cases you will be strictly an observer unless instructed otherwise. Observation is the key to learning!
5. Be respectful, be courteous, be ambitious, be willing to learn; we will be monitoring your performance very closely during your apprenticeship.
6. Volunteer for parades and special committees.

**AUTHORITY TO RELEASE INFORMATION FOR BACKGROUND
INVESTIGATION**

To: Any person, organization, or agency having knowledge of my conduct or activities ; or any past or present employer; or any credit bureau, retail merchants association, bank/financial institution or any other credit extending organization; or any Dean, Registrar, Principal, Councilor, Instructor or other authorized person at a school, university, college, high school, trade school, clinic, or other; or any doctor, hospital, or clinic; or any department or agency of a city, county, or state government, or of the Federal government

I, _____ hereby authorize the *Cheshire Volunteer Fire Department and Officers of the Cheshire Volunteer Fire Department* to conduct an appropriate background investigation including, but not limited to, personal interviews for determination of my eligibility to occupy a position of trust. I authorize all persons who may have information relevant to this background investigation to disclose it to the Chief of the Cheshire Volunteer Fire Department or his representative and Officers of the Cheshire Volunteer Fire Department and I release all persons from liability on account of such disclosure(s). I hereby further authorize that a photocopy of this authorization may be considered as valid as an original.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security #: _____
(Furnished for the purpose of identification)

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Application for apprenticeship/membership

Name: _____ Social Security #: _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone #: _____ Do you have an active driver's license? _____

Do you have any previous firefighter training? _____

Do you have any previous first aid training? _____

If yes, state what and where: *(If further space is required you may attach another sheet of paper to this application)*

How long have you lived in the Town of Cheshire? _____

Will you be able to attend drill every Thursday night? _____

Will you be able to attend monthly meetings held every third Monday of the month? _____

**** ALL APPLICANTS TO THIS DEPARTMENT MUST BE
AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE ****

I understand that any misrepresentation on this application may be reason for immediate dismissal from the Cheshire Volunteer Fire Department and/or not being accepted as an apprentice for the Cheshire Volunteer Fire Department. I further understand that in order to be appointed as a “Regular Member” of the Cheshire Volunteer Fire Department I must successfully complete a one year apprenticeship period. At the end of this one year apprenticeship period the department membership will vote by a majority as to whether or not I will be accepted to fill the next available “Regular” position.

Upon acceptance of my application for apprenticeship/membership, I agree to the best of my ability, to live up to the Standard Operating Guidelines and the By Laws of the Cheshire Volunteer Fire Department and to endeavor to carry on my duties for the betterment of the Cheshire Volunteer Fire Department.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

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Sponsor Certification

This form to be completed by the sponsor of the applicant.

I hereby attest that the information presented in this “Application for Apprenticeship/Membership” by the person I am sponsoring is true to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that any *knowing* misrepresentation of information on this application could result in immediate disciplinary action taken against me. This disciplinary action will be determined by the Officers of the Cheshire Volunteer Fire Department.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Name Printed: _____

Secretary’s Use Only:

Accepted: _____

Denied: _____

Date: _____

Secretary Signature: _____