



Whitehall Township Bureau of Fire

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Additional Information for Prospective New Members

The Whitehall Township Fire Department is a community-based volunteer organization. Our members train weekly and take classes to improve and update their skills. As the public puts their trust in us to respond at a moment's notice and do our job professionally, we do require all new members to complete the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards for Firefighter Qualifications course. This course is completed in four "Essentials" modules and culminates with a written and practical test. Once completed, you are certified at the Firefighter 1 level. There are plenty of other courses you are welcome to pursue thereafter if you so desire.

New members are requested to commence the Essentials coursework, which is paid for by the fire department, within one year of joining. As you progress through the program, you will be allowed to respond on calls as well. Doing so gives you the opportunity to blend in real life experience while progressing through your classwork.

As a member for the Whitehall Township Fire Department you will be issued a set of turnout gear which includes a coat, pants, helmet, gloves and hood. You will also be provided a pager to alert you to calls.

Since firefighting involves strenuous activity, we do pay for you to have a thorough physical prior to commencement of responding to calls. Members are encouraged to receive physicals every two years thereafter. These physicals are also paid for by the fire department relief association.

On occasion, you will be asked to participate in fundraising activities. While the Township does provide for the equipment we use, each individual fire station is independently owned and operated. In order to ensure financial stability, various fundraising activities are held throughout the year. Coin tosses, hoagie sales, selling raffle tickets are just some of the ways we raise the funds to make ends meet. When everyone pitches in, it makes the job of raising funds much easier and less time consuming.

There are benefits to being a member of our fire department. The biggest being the new friends you'll make along the way to helping your community. Along with that, after one year of service you are eligible to receive an annual financial stipend from the Township for responding to calls and attending training. You will also be signed up for a life insurance policy which commences after your second year of service. And from the time you join, you are also protected by an Accident and Sickness Policy and Workers Compensation policy. Rest assured, we've got you covered! For those that volunteer for several years, after 15 years of service, and upon reaching the age of 60, the Township also provides a Length of Service award plan which pays out in varying amounts depending upon how many years you volunteered for the Township.

Remember, it's not all work and training. You will find we do have a good time doing what we do!