

Why Join the Volunteer **Fire/EMS Service?** 

- Have you ever heard a siren or seen a fire engine – and wondered what was happening?
- Have you ever witnessed or come upon a motor vehicle accident – and wished you could help?
- Have you been there when someone was stricken with sudden illness - and wanted to assist?
- Are you looking for new lifelong friendships, challenges and rewards?
- Do you want to become involved in your community?
- Are you looking to supplement your retirement?



**Community Involvement** & **Fire Prevention Education** 

The Lexington Fire Department prides itself in being involved in the community.

We have participated in Public Safety Days in the Schools, Night to Unite, Food Shelf drives, Community parades, Easter Egg hunt with the Lions and the list goes on and on.

It is important, as the diversity of our community evolves, that the department and its members be out making connections, building relationships and educating our residents on how to be safe in and around fire.

As our residents are the most important asset we have, we must invest in them, so if the time comes, they will invest in us



## Make an Impact in Your Community

The fire and EMS service is one of the most diverse and challenging vocations today. It is this diversity that attracts most men and women to join our ranks.

Different people volunteer for different reasons. Some for personal development, action oriented people enjoy the excitement and adrenaline rush that emergency services has to offer. Others see the volunteer fire service as an alternative to 'driving a desk by day' by allowing them to 'drive a fire truck or ambulance at night!' as well as opportunity's to learn and use new technology.

Many like the feeling they get when they help people in their time of need and some feel it's their obligation to serve the community. Yet others just want to belong to the team. Whatever motivates you to volunteer – everyone gains the self-satisfaction of being at their best when others are dealing with what is often the worst that life has to offer.

Imagine having to prepare yourself to cope with situations that range from structure fires to childbirth to hazardous chemical spills to heart attacks to almost any imaginable emergency in between. This diversity is coupled with the fact that these skills may be needed at any time of the day or night, seven days a week, in any kind of weather, and very often under potentially stressful and emotional circumstances. Yet these same factors contribute to our profession being so personally rewarding.

The personal rewards and satisfaction received from what we do is often beyond description. There is the sense of accomplishment when you control a building fire, joy and elation when a child is born, compassion and empathy for accident victims, and fulfillment from teaching fire safety.

The bottom line in our business is measured by the loss of life, pain and suffering, and the property damage we have prevented and reduced.

Volunteering in emergency services is one of the most important decisions you may make. We hope that you give this decision the time and serious consideration it deserves, and decide to join our ranks.











Pride, Honor, Integrity, Courage, Duty, Dedication, Discipline, Honor, Respect



## **Requirements to be a Firefighter**

Must live within 10 minutes of the fire station. Have a Valid driver's license Fill out application Must pass a background check & Interview **Psychological Evaluation Physical Ability Evaluation** 

> Lexington Fire Department is a Paid On Call Volunteer Service

## **Department Training**

The Lexington Fire Department is committed to be one the best fire departments in the area. We offer our members internal & external training on all topics surrounding fire suppression, emergency medicine and hazardous materials.

Our current department training schedule involves 3 days a month, 2 hours each on 1 Sunday and 2 Thursdays with a departmental meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. All are at 7pm.

The purpose of these meetings is to keep the department up to date on various city & department projects, share our vision for the future, as well as upcoming Public Education opportunities, outside training school updates and to give opportunity for your valued input, questions or concerns.



**Firefighter Training after Hire** Firefighter I Firefighter II **Hazardous Materials Operations Emergency Vehicle Operations Emergency Medical Technician** 

