



Latham Fire Department

226 Old Loudon Road • Latham, NY 12110

Do you have courage, integrity, honesty? Do you enjoy helping others?



Are you an action oriented person? Do you believe doing the right thing is its own reward?



YOU SHOULD BE A FIREFIGHTER!

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are all Latham Fire Department members volunteers?

A: The majority of our members are volunteers including the Chief and all line officers. We also have a staff of paid firefighters scheduled during the day time on weekdays to supplement response.

Q: What types of incidents does the fire company respond to?

A: We respond to structure fires, vehicle fires, brush and trash fires, motor vehicle accidents, hazardous materials incidents, as well as carbon monoxide and fire alarm activations. We also operate an Emergency Medical Services unit, EMS 4.

Q: How many calls does the company get?

A: We average 900-1000 fire calls per year and 500 EMS First Responder calls per year.

Q: Is the company looking for more volunteers?

A: Yes! We are always seeking new men and women to join the ranks of our current members either as interior or exterior firefighters or Emergency Medical EMT Responders.

Q: Why should I join, what's in it for me?

A: If you like adventure, camaraderie, the satisfaction of getting the job done and helping those in need, you might be the type of person we're looking for. You'll get specialized training and become part of an outstanding organization of men and women who share a common bond – the volunteer spirit to help those who need it most. In addition to the satisfaction of giving back to your community, there is also a NYS tax credit for volunteer firefighters, and a Monetary Service Award Program and other benefits.

Q: What is the time commitment?

A: We realize that people are busier than ever nowadays. New members do have to put in a significant amount of time for training, but the time commitment is less demanding after completing the preliminary training. Members do not have scheduled shifts, but are notified by pager when there is a call and can choose to respond if they are available.

Q: What type of person joins the volunteer fire department?

A: Our members come from all walks of life. We have men and women, high school and college students, single people, husbands and wives, parents, and even grandparents. We have professionals, business owners, and "blue collar guys and girls."

Q: What are the requirements to be a Latham Fire Department firefighter?

A: You must be at least 18 years of age, of good moral character, pass a Latham Fire Department physical and be physically capable of performing the duties of a firefighter, or Emergency Medical EMT Responder. Young people 16-18 can join as restricted members.

Q: Is being a firefighter dangerous?

A: Yes, being a firefighter can be dangerous. Our job is to go into emergency situations while others are trying to escape. There can be many hazards on an emergency scene and you will be exerting yourself performing heavy manual labor. However, we provide the best available equipment and protective gear for each firefighter to minimize the risk of harm. In addition, the extensive training you receive will make you well qualified to perform the duties of a firefighter and keep yourself and others safe.





Q: What will I learn about in training?

A: Once accepted as a probationary member, you will undergo departmental training and also take the Firefighter I NYS training course to give you a foundation in the fundamental aspects of firefighting. Topics include:

Introduction to the Fire Service	Ventilation
Personal Protective Equipment and SCBA	Fire Hose and Fire Streams
Fire Behavior	Water Supply
Building Construction	Fire Control
Portable Extinguishers	Salvage and Overhaul
Ropes and Knots	Fire Alarms
Rescue and Extrication	Fire Prevention and Public Education
Ground Ladders	EMS Training and more...
Forcible Entry	

Training consists of both classroom and practical training. You will also have the opportunity to take more advanced courses in emergency medical services, hazardous materials, rescue techniques, and more. Training is vital to the safety of our members and to ensure that we provide professional service to the Latham Fire Community that we serve.

Q: How do I apply to become a probationary member?

A: Visit our website at LathamFD.org and download an application or stop by the firehouse at 226 Old Loudon Rd for one. Applicants must sign a release for permission to conduct a background investigation required by NYS Law. If you are eligible based upon the review of your application and background check, you will then have an interview with the Standing Committee. The membership will then vote to accept you as a probationary member.

Q: What is being a probationary member like?

A: As a probationary member, you will learn the basics about firefighting or EMS and the company. You will get your hands dirty and do some not so glamorous work like rolling hose. It's a time to pay your dues and show the members of the company what you're made of. Don't worry though, there is nothing demeaning or humiliating about it and you will be making a real contribution to the company and community we serve.

Q: Can probationary members respond to emergency calls?

A: Absolutely, you may respond to calls as soon as you receive your gear and pager. Responding to calls is the best way to learn, and probationary members are encouraged to attend as many calls as they can.

Q: How can I find out more about becoming a firefighter?

A: We want to give you all the information you need to help you make your decision. Call the fire department at 518-785-1283, email us at president@lathamfd.org or stop by the firehouse at 226 Old Loudon Rd. We will be happy to answer your questions, arrange for you to watch a drill, or show you around the firehouse. You can also visit our website at www.lathamfd.org for more information.

LATHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT; APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Latham Fire Department
226 Old Loudon Rd., Latham, NY 12110, 518-785-1283
Serving the Community Since 1910

The application for membership in the Latham Fire Department of Latham, New York, is to be filled out completely and returned with a check or money order in the amount of six dollars (6) for processing your application. Please make the check or money order payable to: Latham Fire Department. Return to Latham Fire Department, 226 Old Loudon Rd, Latham, NY 12110.

If you have any questions pertaining to your application, you may contact the President or Chief at 518-785-1283.

Firematically,

President Richard Barlette

1. Name: _____
2. Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____
3. Home Phone: (_____) _____ Work Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____
4. How long have you resided at the above address? Years ____ Months ____ in New York State? Years ____ Months ____
5. Email Address: _____ Date: _____

QUESTIONS 6-10 ARE REQUIRED FOR ARSON INVESTIGATION PER NEW YORK STATE LAW

"The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 prohibits, discrimination on the basis of Age with respect to individuals who are at least forty (40) years of age."

6. Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes [] No [] Date of Birth: _____
7. Sex: M [] F [] Height ____ Ft. ____ In. Social Security No. ____ - ____ - ____
8. Place of Birth: _____
9. Race (Circle One): White Black Native American Asian Hispanic Other _____
10. Is additional information about a change in your name or your use of an assumed name or nickname necessary to enable a check on your eligibility for membership? Yes [] No []

If "Yes" Explain: _____

11. Are you currently employed? Yes [] No []
Name of Company _____ Position _____
Address _____ Telephone _____
12. Do you have a valid New York Driver License? Yes [] No [] License No. _____
13. Previous emergency services experience: (include only fire, rescue, police, and emergency medical service agencies).
Name of Agency _____
Address _____
Contact Person _____ Telephone _____
14. Have you ever been a member of the United States Armed Forces? Yes [] No [] Branch: _____
15. Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty to a felony, misdemeanor, insurance fraud, arson, or a reduction of one of these offenses?
Yes [] No [] If "Yes" give details on an additional sheet of paper.
16. Please list two personal references, other than members of this organization, who have known you for at least 3 years.
Name: _____ Tel. # _____ Address: _____
Name: _____ Tel. # _____ Address: _____
17. Please list the names of any acquaintances who are members of this organization:

18. OSHA regulations require that you pass a physical examination before becoming an interior structural firefighter. The department's designated physician will provide you with a free medical examination. Will you be willing to undergo a medical examination? Yes [] No []

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Within the Freedom of Information Law, all information contained or obtained herein will remain confidential and will be used only for internal membership processing.

This application has been subscribed this _____ day of _____, (Month) _____, (Year) by the undersigned applicant who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penal penalties of perjury.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____