Town of Suffield

Fire Department
Office of the Chief

Welcome

We are pleased that you are interested in the Suffield Fire Department. The Department offers many opportunities to serve your community both as a firefighter and in non-firefighting support services. We hope you like fifty of your fellow town residents; find involvement in our Department to be a rewarding experience.

The Department operates eight fire trucks out of four firehouses placed strategically throughout town. We are a *Combination Department*, meaning we have career firefighters and volunteer paid on call firefighters that are trained and equipped to the same level of proficiency to ***honorably and safely protect our citizens, preserve their property and promote public safety in a professional and caring manner***.

Because of the inherent dangers of firefighting we ask members to make a commitment to the Department that includes courage, integrity, respect, collaboration, consistency, accountability, openness, balance and quality. In return we will provide you with the necessary training, tools and equipment to perform your job as effectively and safely as possible.

Before completing the application packet take the time to read the following.

As a member of the Suffield Fire Department we will provide you with:

1. Training and Education to perform firefighting and non-firefighting tasks.
2. Tools and Equipment to complete those tasks
3. A complete medical examination and follow up exams as required by national standards

4. Insurance coverage should you be injured while performing your duties.
5. Compensate you with a small stipend and other benefits.
6. Several social events throughout the year for you and your family.

In return we ask that you abide by the rules and regulations of the Department and uphold a code of ethics including:

1. Attend training and meetings as required held on Monday evenings with an occasional weekend day session.
2. Complete a probationary period and be *certified* to the Firefighter I level at a minimum, prior to completion of this period you will be restricted from interior structural firefighting.
3. Learn about your Department and the activities it engages in, be an active participant and contribute the special skills you already have.
4. Involve your family in those family related social activities of the Department.

Membership does require time and energy on your part; however you will have the support of the brother/sisterhood of the Department and the Fire Commission for your effort.

If you would like to make a commitment and except a rewarding challenge, please complete the application package provided to you.

Hope to see you as part of our Department in the very near future.

Respectfully,

Chief Brian Gauthier