



PERKASIE FIRE COMPANY No. 1

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

1. All sections of the Membership Application form must be completed before the Candidate is considered for Department membership.
2. All Applications must be submitted with a non-refundable \$10.00 application fee.
3. All Candidates will be subject to a various background checks in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
4. The Department Membership Committee will review the background check information and conduct a formal interview with the Candidate. After the Candidate has been formally interviewed by the Membership Committee, at the next business meeting Candidate's application shall be read and brought forwarded for membership into PERKASIE FIRE COMPANY No. 1. At that time, Department membership shall vote upon acceptance or denial of Candidate.
5. Candidates for Junior Firefighter membership shall have "working papers" in order at time of interview. A parent or legal guardian must be present during the interview process.
6. After the Candidate is accepted into membership, he/she will be issued Department property appropriate to the membership classification, along with Department property appropriate to the membership classification, a copy of the current By-laws, and Recommended Operating Guidelines of the Department.

Please retain this page for your reference on Department membership procedures.

Thank you for your interest in joining PERKASIE FIRE COMPANY No. 1. If you have a question or would like to contact either the President or Fire Chief, please leave a message on the Department Voice Mail by dialing 215-453-2166.



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NOTICE TO APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP AS FIREFIGHTER, FIRE POLICE OR JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER

The minimum requirements to remain an active member of Perkasie Fire Company No. 1 are outlined below:

Probationary Period

A minimum period of twelve (12) months probation will be served by all new members.

Training

Firefighters are required to pass a minimum training level by the completion of a nationally recognized Firefighter I certification course.

Fire Police Officers are required to complete Fire Police 1 course, and any other requirements set forth by the Perkasie Borough Chief of Police.

Company Meetings

The business meeting is the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.

Company Drills

Drills are held on Thursdays starting at 7:00 PM. All Firefighters and Fire Police Officers are encouraged to attend.

Attendance

The minimum requirement to vote on Department business is attendance at four (4) business meetings in the prior years. To remain an Active member, he/she must meet the activity point requirements set at the first meeting of each calendar year. While no one is expected to attend and participate in all activities of the Department, all members are encouraged to give their fair share to lighten the burden.

Mentor

A fire company member will be appointed to a new member to:

1. Distribute the Recommended Operating Guidelines (ROG's) and explain its importance, and to highlight selected procedures. All members are expected to read and understand the ROG's
2. Review equipment use and operation, its location on various trucks and demonstrate how these items are loaded and stowed on board
3. Make sure the new applicant is informed about drills, meetings, details, and special events
4. Work with applicant until the completion of Firefighter 1. During this time, keeping an eye on the applicant's motivation and involvement. Make sure they receive gear and know how to use it
5. Help the applicant member become familiar with brother and sister firefighters. Recognize any dissatisfaction, problems, lack of motivation, disappointments and notify the Line Officers of these observations
6. Answer questions, or find the answer to questions for the applicant, provide support and encouragement and enthusiasm

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS FOR CONTRIBUTING MEMBERSHIP

Contributing Members assist the Department generally with non-emergency situations. These include a variety of work details and fund raising activities. Occasionally, Contributing Members are asked to help prepare and serve refreshments at emergency situations.



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Reference: (list persons not related to you) indicate if these references are emergency service related

- 1. _____ Phone _____
- 2. _____ Phone _____
- 3. _____ Phone _____

Education: (circle highest level completed):

High School: 7 8 9 10 11 12 College: 1 2 3 4 5 6

Most recent school: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Military service: Current rank/rank at discharge _____ Branch _____

Medical History:

Current General Health: (circle one) Excellent Good Fair Poor

Do you have any health or physical limitations that could affect your duties? YES or NO

If yes, please explain _____

Emergency contacts:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Previous Fire/EMS organizations you belong to: _____

Any Fire/EMS training you might have: (please attach copies of certificates to the completed application)

Any information you feel the Department needs to know: _____

By signing this application I authorize the appointed members of the PERKASIE FIRE COMPANY No. 1 permission to investigate all information contained within this application. The investigators may request and rely upon one or more consumer reports including a criminal history report, credit information or driving records that we obtain from a consumer reporting agency, such as IntelliCorp Records, Inc. I understand that this application may be reviewed at any time and falsification of information may be grounds for disciplinary action, including and up to termination from the Department.

Name _____ Date: _____

Signature _____



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CERTIFICATION

Act 168 of 2006 amending Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes prohibits any person convicted of Arson and related offenses from serving as a firefighter in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and shall be prohibited from being certified as a firefighter.

I, _____ (First, Middle, Last Name) have never been convicted of an offense that constitutes the crime of “arson and related offenses” under 18 Pa C.S. § 3301 or any similar offense under any Federal or state law. Nor have I been convicted of any felony in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any other State. I hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I knowingly make any false statement herein, I am subject to penalties prescribed by law, including, but not limited to, a fine, of at least \$1,000.00

Signature _____ Date: _____

RELEASE for JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER APPLICANTS

I, the undersigned, do state that by my signature I permit the Department’s Junior Firefighter Advisor to contact my School District Counselor, and the Counselor may release information on my grades and conduct. When such information is released, this information shall be kept confidential by the Department.

Signature of Student _____ Date: _____

As parents/guardians of _____, I (we) authorize the Department’s Junior Firefighter Advisor to contact the School District Counselor, and the Counselor may release information on our son/daughter's grades and conduct in school. We understand that this information will be kept confidential by the Department.

Parents/Guardians: _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____



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PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT

The following is a list of some of the duties and/or situations in which a Firefighter or Special Fire Police Officer may be required to perform or endure as suggested in Essential Job Tasks per NFPA 1582, Section 5.1.3.1:

FIREFIGHTER:

- Performing firefighting tasks (e.g., hose line operations, extensive crawling, lifting and carrying heavy objects, climbing ladders, ventilating roofs or walls using power or hand tools, forcible entry), rescue operations, and other emergency response actions under stressful conditions while wearing personal protective ensembles (PPE) and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), including working in extremely hot or cold environments for prolonged time periods.
- Wearing an SCBA
- Exposure to toxic fumes, irritants, particulates, biological (infectious) and non-biological hazards, and/or heated gases, despite the use of PPE including SCBA.
- Climbing 6 or more flights of stairs while wearing fire protective ensemble weighing at least 50 lb or more and carrying equipment/tools weighing an additional 20 to 40 lbs.
- Wearing fire protective ensemble that is encapsulating and insulated
- Searching, finding, and rescue dragging or carrying victims ranging from newborns up to adults weighing over 200 lb. to safety despite hazardous conditions and low visibility
- Advancing water filled hose lines up to 2 ½ in. from fire apparatus to occupancy (approx. 150 ft.); can involve negotiating multiple flights of stairs, ladders, and other obstacles
- Climbing ladders, operating from heights, walking or crawling in the dark along narrow and uneven surfaces, and operating in proximity to electric power lines and/or other hazards.
- Unpredictable emergency requirements for prolonged periods of extreme physical exertion without benefit of warm up, scheduled rest periods, meals, access to medications, or hydration
- Operating fire apparatus or other vehicles in an emergency mode with emergency lights and sirens.
- Critical, time sensitive, complex problem solving during physical exertion in stressful, hazardous environments (including hot, dark, tightly enclosed spaces), further aggravated by fatigue, flashing lights, sirens, and other distractions.
- Ability to communicate (give and comprehend verbal orders) while wearing PPE and SCBA under conditions of high background noise, poor visibility, and drenching from hose lines and sprinklers
- Functioning as an integral component of a team, where sudden incapacitation of a member can result in mission failure or in risk of injury or death to civilians or other team members (RIT or FAST, two in/two out rule)
- Drive and operate fire apparatus in a non emergency capacity in PPE (driver training program, fire prevention, etc.)



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FIRE POLICE:

- Performing fire police tasks (e.g., extensive standing, lifting and carrying medium weight objects), public service operations, and other emergency response actions under stressful conditions while wearing personal protective ensembles (PPE), including working in extremely hot or cold environments for prolonged time periods.
- Operating in proximity to electric power lines and/or other hazards.
- Unpredictable emergency requirements for prolonged periods of extreme physical exertion without benefit of warm up, scheduled rest periods, meals, access to medications, or hydration.
- Operating fire apparatus or other vehicles in an emergency mode with emergency lights and sirens.
- Critical, time sensitive, complex problem solving during physical exertion in stressful, hazardous environments, further aggravated by fatigue, flashing lights, sirens, and other distractions.
- Ability to communicate (give and comprehend verbal orders) while wearing PPE under conditions of high background noise, poor visibility, and moving vehicular traffic.
- Drive and operate fire apparatus in a non-emergency capacity in PPE (driver training program, fire prevention, public service events, etc.)

*I certify that _____ IS IS NOT (select one)
physically qualified to meet the demands relating to the job requirements listed above.*

Restrictions and/or Limitations:

Any restrictions or limitations suggested by a Physician shall not automatically disqualify the applicant. The information will only assist Perkasie Fire Company No. 1 in determining which duties the applicant can or cannot perform safely. Further, it is for the applicant’s safety as well as other persons.

Physician’s Remarks (if any):

Examination Date: _____

Physician’s Name: _____

Physician’s Signature: _____

Physicians Address: _____



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING REQUIRED BACKGROUND CHECKS:

The following instructions are being provided to assist Candidate applicant in completing the statutorily required background checks. Please read them carefully.

- A. ***Individuals who have continuously resided in the Commonwealth for at least the past 10 years:*** are required to obtain a Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background Check Clearance (criminal history), and a Child Abuse History Clearance for the Department of Human Services. **Required Background Check and Clearances 1 and 2 below.**
- B. ***Individuals who have reside in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for less than 10 years:*** are required to obtain a Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background Check Clearance (criminal history), and a Child Abuse History Clearance for the Department of Human Services, and a FBI Criminal Background Clearance, including fingerprinting. **Required Background Check and Clearances 1, 2 and 3 below.**
- C. Once you've received the required reports, please attach a copy of each of the required clearance(s) to this Application.
 1. Applicants who have obtained the required clearances for other services or activities in which they participate may provide copies of their originals to the Department so long as they are within the 36 months.

Required Clearances may be obtained as follows:

1. CHILD ABUSE HISTORY ON LINE: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS>

Creating an account and submitting your clearance application online will give you immediate access to your results or the status of your results, if your results cannot be processed immediately. The cost is FREE as long as you select the "Volunteer Having Contact with Children" option on the Application Purpose page.

2. PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK INSTRUCTIONS

Go to the Pennsylvania Access to Criminal History website and apply for their criminal record check online in the Pennsylvania State Police at: <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>. **The cost is FREE as long as you select the "New Records Check" Volunteer's only option on the first page.**

If you have questions about the Pennsylvania State Police Request for Criminal Record Checks form (SP4-164), please call: (717) 783 9973 or toll free 1 -888-783-7972.

3. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK INSTRUCTIONS: (ONLY NEEDED IF YOU HAVE NOT RESIDED IN PA FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS)

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services is utilizing Cogent Systems to process finger-print based FBI criminal background checks. The fingerprint based background check is a multiple step process. For more information and to begin the registration process, go to www.pa.cogentid.com//index_dpw.htm. This clearance requires the applicant to be fingerprinted, a list of local locations is available on the cogent website. The FBI Criminal Background check costs \$27.50 and must be paid prior to arriving at the fingerprint site.

For questions about your FBI clearance, please contact the FBI/Adam Walsh unit at (717) 783-6211 or toll free at 1-888-371-5422.



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This page for Membership Investigating Committee

Date Application Received: _____

Date First Reading Application: _____

Date Candidate Accepted into Membership: _____

Members Conducting Interview:

_____ Recommend Deny

_____ Recommend Deny

_____ Recommend Deny

Date background check completed: _____

Date references were checked: _____

Comments by membership committee: _____
