



Hereford Volunteer Fire Company

510 Monkton Rd.

Monkton, MD 21111

Information Concerning Application for Membership:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Hereford Volunteer Fire Company (HVFC). HVFC has been serving Hereford and surrounding Baltimore counties since 1924. Today, we operate a fire engine, a rescue squad, a tanker support unit, tanker truck, special unit, and brush unit. We do not operate an ambulance. This cover page explains our membership requirements and the way we process applications.

The Hereford Volunteer Fire Company does not discriminate on the grounds of race, religion, or sex in its membership policies.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must be at least sixteen years of age.
2. Must complete and submit required application documents.
3. Applicant must submit and successfully undergo a thorough background, security, and character investigation.
4. Applicant will be subjected to a drug screening test.
5. Submit, along with completed application, a \$40.00 non-refundable application fee.
6. Applicant will be interviewed by the Membership Committee.
7. Application will be reviewed by the Hereford Volunteer Fire Company Board of Directors (BOD), which will recommend acceptance or rejection based upon investigation of the Membership Committee.
8. Applicants applying for administrative membership (non-riding) would be exempt from training requirements.
9. Applicant must be elected by majority of membership at regular company meeting. Successful election will place applicants in probationary membership status for a minimum of six months.
10. Applicant must appear at the company meeting that they will be presented and voted on. Upon the time of the voting, they will step out of the meeting and can return once the company has voted.

Due to the length of time required to complete the investigation of applicants, HVFC will accept applicants into Probationary Membership status upon completion of a preliminary investigation.



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Probationary Membership may be terminated if previously unknown facts are revealed upon completion of the full investigation.

Upon election by the general membership into probationary membership status, the applicant will be notified via telephone or by written notification.

Privileges and Requirements

Training:

1. American Heart Association CPR certification (approx. 3 hrs.). Blood Borne Pathogens (approx. 3 hrs.). Hazardous Materials Operations class (approx. 24 hrs.) along with an in station Basic Knowledge test must be completed before the Probationary Member can participate in emergency operations.
2. MFRI or Baltimore County NFPA 1001 Firefighter 1 course (approx. 102 hrs.). FF1 class must be completed within two years of membership acceptance.
3. Submit copies of any current certifications with your application.

Meetings and Activities:

1. Probationary members are expected to participate in the activities of the company, but may not;
 - a. Vote in elections or other matters of the Company
 - b. Drive any company vehicles.
 - c. Have MVA issued fire tags.

Running Gear:

1. Probationary members will be issued all necessary protective turn-out gear, or they may purchase their own (providing the gear meets or exceeds NFPA or company specifications).
2. Probationary members may purchase uniforms and insignias, in conformation to Company specifications, with permission of company officer. It is not easy to be a successful member of a large and busy Volunteer Fire Company such as HVFC. We place many demands on the time and energy of our members. For those who are successful, the rewards are great, measured not in gold, but rather in the satisfaction in completing the difficult and dangerous tasks. And of course, helping your neighbors and community. We wish you great success!



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Membership Application

Application Date: ____/____/____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Membership Type Applying For (Circle One):

Fire/EMS and Fundraising

Administrative/Fundraising **ONLY**

Applicant Name: _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Current Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Telephone Number: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

SS #: _____ -- _____ -- _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Sex (Circle One): Male Female Other

Marital Status (Circle One): Single Married Divorced Widow/Widower

Current US Citizen? (Circle One): Yes No

If no, what country? _____

Driver's License Number & Class: _____

State of Issue: _____ Current Points: _____ Date of Expiration ____/____/____

Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked?: (Circle One): Yes No

If Yes, When? _____ If Yes, Explain: _____



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Have you ever been convicted of a criminal act? (Circle One) Yes No

References: List 3 individuals who are not related to you, to whom you know have known for at least 3 years. **Please only chose one individual who is a member at HVFC.** Be sure to give an address and phone number for reference. All 3 individuals will be reached out to for a reference for the applicant.

1. _____
 Name Telephone Number # of Years Known

2. _____
 Name Telephone Number # of Years Known

3. _____
 Name Telephone Number # of Years Known

Do you belong to any other organizations that are not fire related? (Circle One) Yes No

If yes list organizations:

Are you a current or have you been a member at another Fire, EMS or Rescue Company or Department?

(Circle One) Yes No

(Circle One) Career Volunteer Auxiliary

If yes, please list where and when? _____

Contact of a Senior Fireline Officer or Administrative Officer at Current or Previous Station

Name: _____ Rank: _____ Phone: _____

- If applicable (Baltimore County LOSAP Number) _____

Reason for leaving: _____



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Have you ever been rejected, suspended, or expelled from this or any other Fire, EMS or Rescue Company or Department? Yes ___/ No___. If yes, please explain _____

Do you hold any offices? Yes ___/ No___. If yes, where and what offices _____

Fire _____

EMS _____

Administrative _____ Other Helpful Information _____

Previous Training Completed (include expiration dates) _____

Read the following statement carefully before signing.

I hereby authorize the Hereford Volunteer Fire Company to investigate all statements contained in this application. To the best of my knowledge, all statements and answers which I have given are true, accurate and correct. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in nullification of this application or subsequent membership based on its content. Based upon the severity of infractions discovered during routine background check and drug testing, the BOD may ask applicant to withdraw his/her application. If applicant does not wish to do so, he/she must give BOD permission to present any infractions at the company level so that all voting members have knowledge necessary to make a decision in the best interest of the company.

Signature _____

Date ___/___/___

If the applicant is under 18 years of age, must have the consent of a parent or legal guardian.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Date ___/___/___