

## **How Do I Become a City of Beacon Volunteer Firefighter?**

Volunteer firefighting is a very rewarding and valuable way to serve your community. It takes dedication and many hours of training to become a firefighter. If you're willing to put in the time and effort, the City of Beacon Fire Department is ready for you to serve. Below you'll find resources about becoming a volunteer, as well as the first basic steps you might take toward volunteering.

1. Make sure you're ready to commit. Making the decision to become a volunteer firefighter should not be taken lightly. It requires hundreds of hours of training and a strong commitment to service yearly.
2. You may join at the age of 16 as a junior member but, would not be entering a building until fully trained must be over the age of 18.
3. Contact Fire Chief Gary Van Voorhis at 845-765-0899. An interview will be scheduled and an application for membership will be available and assisted in completing.
4. Once the application is completed an arson background check, a pedophile background check, and a physical must be completed. The cost of these procedure will be covered by the City of Beacon.
5. You will than apply to one of the three fire companies for a vote.
6. After you join, the City of Beacon Fire Department we will enter you in a training program. The length of these programs varies, but all firefighters are required to take a minimum 110-hour NFPA-certified course with in the first year. The cost of the training courses will be covered by the City of Beacon.

Any questions or concerns please contact Chief Van Voorhis at 845-765-0899