

# Hartly Volunteer Fire Company Station 51

## Membership Application

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Approved by HVFC Board of Directors 11/6/17

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Money received YES or NO

Hartly Volunteer Fire Company  
2898 Arthursville Rd. P.O. Box 28  
Hartly, DE. 19953

### **Application For Membership**

This booklet contains all the information needed for membership to the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company. The following pages are part of this process. Please read them carefully and fill them out as needed. The following items are required for this application process.

- A \$10.00 application fee due when application is mailed in.
- A state required criminal history report
- A completed application

This application must be mailed to the above address marked attention President. Once the application is received, it will be turned over to the membership investigation committee. At this time, the committee chairman will be notifying you for an oral interview. Your application will be presented to the company; this process can take approximately two months. Please read through the next few pages and then fill out the application.

## Brief Fire Company History

In 1926, the town of Hartly, after being faced with over 15 major fires in the area formed the Hartly Volunteer Fire Co., in the hopes to stop a firebug that was running around the area setting things on fire from houses and sheds to garages and automobiles. Vigilantes in the town formed a permanent fire watch and decided to start the Hartly Volunteer Fire Co. The fire company purchased a new 1926 Graham Dodge fire truck for the cost of \$500.00.

The Fire Company was started with Ludwig F. Schweitzer Sr. as the first Fire Chief and Roger A. Davis as the first fire company President. For many years after that, the Chief and the President ran the fire company.

In the 1950's the Fire Company saw the need for an ambulance service to better serve the citizens of Hartly. The fire company purchased a 1939 Pontiac ambulance from Bridgeville Fire Company for the cost of \$600.00, and Newlin E. Wood Sr. and Morris W. King were the ambulance Captains.

Since those golden years, the fire company has run as a whole until the current time frame with several changes. The fire company now has Chief, Deputy Chief, two Assistant Chiefs, two Captains, two Lieutenants and Chief Engineer on the fireside. On the EMS side we have an Ambulance Captain and four Lieutenants.

The Administration side has grown to President, Vice President, Treasure, Secretary, Director of Finance, Director of Recreation and Morale, Director of Personnel and 6 Trustees.

The first firehouse in 1926 was a small garage across the street from the Methodist Church in the area that is now the church's parking lot. Due to a growing need, in 1933 the station moved into a larger building across the street from its current location. We built and moved into our current station in 1978.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Hartly Vol. Fire Co. is to provide professional fire, rescue and EMS services to the citizens of our community and our neighboring communities through diligence and training. To preserve life & property and promote public safety through fire prevention & education programs.

The Hartly Volunteer Fire Company Inc. along with the state of Delaware requires all applicants to fill out the supplied Criminal History Report. This report shall be turned into the fire company along with this application. Please read this information carefully, as giving false statements on this report may result in immediate dismissal from the company as well as the possibility of fines and or jail time.

DELAWARE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION

DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S CRIMINAL HISTORY AFFIDAVIT

This affidavit **must** be completed by all applicants for membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department and attached to the application for membership. Applicants must complete one of the two statements below. An application is not considered complete and shall not be processed until the notarized affidavit is attached.

AFFIDAVIT

I have never been convicted of an offense that constitutes any of the crimes set forth in **16 Del. C. §6647** (attached hereto) or any similar offense under any federal, state, or local law. I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I knowingly make false statement in this application, I am subject to penalties prescribed by law, including denial or revocation of membership in the volunteer fire department and a mandatory fine of at least \$1000 or a term of imprisonment of up to 2 years, or both.

\_\_\_\_\_ Application's Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date

I am unable to submit the above statement. My written explanation as to what is not true with regard to the above statement and why is set forth below.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Attach additional pages if needed along with a certified copy of your criminal history record from the appropriate authorities)

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ (County)

\_\_\_\_\_ (State)

Before me personally appeared, \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant, of lawful age, to me known to be the identical person who signed this document of application and being by me first duly sworn, on oath state that all the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed or typed Notary Public's Name

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal)

**TITLE 16**  
**Health and Safety**  
**Safety**

**CHAPTER 66. FIRE PREVENTION**

**Subchapter IV. Volunteer Firefighters [Effective Sept. 15, 2007]**

**§ 6646. Definitions [Effective Sept. 15, 2007]**

"Member" means a volunteer firefighter of a Delaware volunteer fire department, as certified by the Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission. (76 Del. Laws, c. 157, § 1.)

**§ 6647. Membership requirements for volunteer firefighters [Effective Sept. 15, 2007]**

(a) An applicant for membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department who has been convicted of or, had that applicant been charged as a juvenile, adjudicated delinquent of any of the following crimes is prohibited from serving as a firefighter in this State:

(1) A felony involving sexual misconduct where the victim's failure to affirmatively consent is an element of the crime, such as forcible rape;

(2) A felony involving the sexual or physical abuse of a child or of an elderly or infirm person, such as sexual misconduct with a child, sexual exploitation of a child, making or distributing child pornography, incest involving a child, or assault on an elderly or infirm person;

(3) A crime in which the victim is an out-of-hospital patient or a patient or resident of a healthcare facility, including abuse, neglect, or theft from or financial exploitation of a person entrusted to the care or protection of the applicant;

(4) Arson in the third, second, or first degree; reckless burning or exploding; cross or religious symbol burning; or any crime in which the applicant intentionally or recklessly started a fire or caused an explosion, or attempted or conspired to do so;

(5) A law of another state, territory, or jurisdiction which is the same or equivalent to the offenses described in paragraphs (a)(1) through (4) of this section.

(b) Membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department must be denied if the applicant has been convicted or, if that applicant was charged as a juvenile, has been adjudicated delinquent of any of the following crimes, except in extraordinary circumstances:

(1) Any crime for which the applicant is currently incarcerated, on work release, on probation, or on parole;

(2) Any crime in the following categories, unless at least 5 years have passed since the applicant's conviction or at least 5 years have passed since the applicant was released from custodial confinement, whichever occurs later:

a. A serious crime of violence against a person, such as assault with a dangerous weapon, aggravated assault, murder or attempted murder, manslaughter (other than involuntary manslaughter), kidnapping, or robbery of any degree;

b. A crime involving a controlled substance or designer drug, including unlawful possession or distribution of, or intent to unlawfully possess or distribute, a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act of Chapter 47 of this title;

c. A serious crime involving property, such as burglary, embezzlement, or insurance fraud;

d. Any crime involving sexual misconduct;

e. A crime of another state, territory, or jurisdiction which is the same or equivalent to the offenses described in paragraphs (b)(2)a. through d. of this section.

(3) In extraordinary circumstances, membership may be granted under subsection (b) of this section only if the applicant establishes by clear and convincing evidence that his or her membership will not jeopardize public health or safety.

(c) An applicant for membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or inaccurate criminal history information, or who otherwise knowingly violates a provision of this subchapter, is guilty of a class G felony. In addition to a term of imprisonment of up to 2 years, the court shall impose a fine of no less than \$1,000 which may not be suspended.

(d) The State Fire Prevention Commission shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this subchapter. The regulations must include, as part of the application form for membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department, a dated and signed statement by the applicant swearing to or affirming the following, if the following is true. If it is not true, the applicant must explain in writing what is not true and why it is not true.

"I have never been convicted of an offense that constitutes any of the crimes set forth in 16 Del. C. § 6647 or any similar offense under any federal, state, or local law. I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I knowingly make any false statement in this application, I am subject to penalties prescribed by law, including denial or revocation of

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**Application for Membership**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education:**

**Please list the highest level of education you have completed.**

**Medical History:**

Do you have any medical defects that will limit your ability to perform the duties involved with firefighting and EMS. To include back problems that may interfere with heavy lifting and long periods of standing?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you take any medications on a daily basis? Yes No (circle one)

Are you currently under a doctor's care? Yes No (circle one)

If yes what for? \_\_\_\_\_

**References:**

Please list 3 references not related to you, include their address and phone number.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Work History:**

Are you currently working? Yes No (circle one) Name and phone number of Employer. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ May we call your work? Yes No (circle)

Were you a member of the Military: Yes No (circle) Branch \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Category:** Fire/EMS or Associate

To be considered for membership, you must have lived in the Hartly Volunteer Fire District for a minimum of six (6) months. How long have you lived at your residence? \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Membership with another fire company:**

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chief or Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

How long were you a member there? \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving? \_\_\_\_\_

List all certifications and courses you have taken.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Highest position held: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents/legal guardians consent for Junior Membership and all applicants under 18 years of age.**

I (print name) \_\_\_\_\_ certify that the above applicant has my consent to join the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. The above applicant will have all benefits, such as insurance, fire fighting safety concepts and the training required to make a person a well trained firefighter.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

As an applicant for membership with the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company Inc. I understand that I may be required to furnish information for the use in determining my moral, physical and mental qualifications. In this connection, I authorize the release of any and all information concerning me to include privileged and confidential nature. I hereby release your organization and others from any liability or damage which may result from furnishing the information requested.

**Applicants Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the answers hereon are true, correct and complete. I further understand and agree that any misrepresentation by me on this form will be cause for rejection of my application, and dismissal from the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. if accepted. I furthermore authorize any and all investigation practices involved with this application.

**Applicants Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicants Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Area of interest: Fire    EMS    Administration    Associate

Interviewed By:

\_\_\_\_\_ Favorable    Unfavorable  
Chairman, Investigation Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Favorable    Unfavorable  
Member, Investigation Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Favorable    Unfavorable  
Member, Investigation Committee

Company Action:    Accepted        Rejected    (circle one)    Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for rejection:

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\_\_\_\_\_