

Minquas Fire Company No. 1

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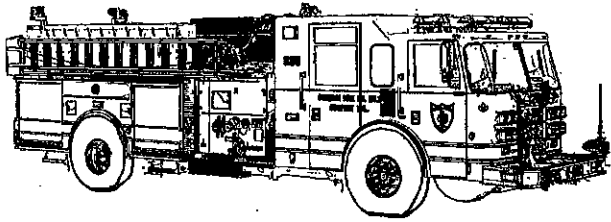
Delaware Volunteer Firefighter Background Check Application

Fire Company Minquas Fire Company			
Fire Company Address 21 N. James Street Wilmington, DE 19804			
Fire Company phone number (302) 998-3474			
Applicant's Name			
Street Address			
City	State	Zip	
Phone			DOB
I, the undersigned, certify that I am applying for membership in the above named Volunteer Fire Company.			
Signature:			Date:

I, the Chairman of the Membership Committee or Recruiter for the above named Volunteer Fire Company certify that this above named applicant is applying for membership in our fire company. My signature is certified by the placement of the fire company seal in the space provided below.	
Name of Company Representative (<i>printed</i>) Jay Sowinski Cell (302) 521-6620	
Company Representative's Signature: <i>Jay Sowinski</i>	Date:



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To: New Applicants for Membership (revised 10/14/2020)

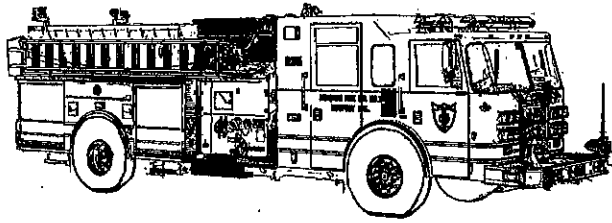
From: Jay Sowinski, Chairman, Investigations Committee

You will need to obtain a Delaware background check and a fingerprint card in order to apply for membership. You will need to call the Delaware State Bureau of Identification (SBI) at (302) 739-2528 and make an appointment. Their hours of operation are from 8:30 am-3:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Tell them that you are applying for volunteer membership to the Minquas Fire Company in Newport. When you go to either SBI at Delaware State Police Troop 2 in Newark, DE or SBI in Dover, DE, you need to take a signed Delaware Volunteer Firefighter Background Check Application and one form of ID, preferably a driver's license. As of 8/1/16 there is no fee for this. However, you must take the signed Background Check Application with you and present it to SBI personnel. Without it you will be required to pay \$52.50.

You will also have to tell SBI that you need a fingerprint card. It will cost \$10.00. You can pay by cash or any credit card except American Express. Use black ink and fill out all the pertinent information on the upper part of the card. Please write legibly. The fingerprint card needs to be returned immediately to myself or any member of the Investigations Committee. You will need to make a check payable for \$18.00 to Minquas Fire Company. This is the fee that the FBI charges to do a background investigation based on your fingerprints. Your fingerprint card will be mailed directly to the FBI for processing.

Make sure to obtain a receipt for both the Delaware background check and the fingerprint card. The receipts need to be brought to your interview.



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Here are the addresses for the SBI fingerprint processing:

SBI Newark Troop 2:

100 LaGrange Ave.

Newark, DE 19702

SBI Dover:

Address: 655 S. Bay Rd.

Suite 1B

Dover, DE 19901

(The office is located in the rear of the Blue Hen Mall Corporate Center)

All background investigations must be mailed by SBI to the address listed below.

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Attention: Jay Sowinski, Investigations Committee

21 North James Street

Wilmington, DE 19804-3120

If you have any questions please call me at (302) 521-6620.

(updated 10/14/2020)



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION – Indicate type of membership desired:

Active Firefighter (18+) Emergency Medical Technician (18+)
 Active Social (18+) Junior (15-17) Auxiliary (18+)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Social Security _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone Number _____

Employer's Name _____ Phone Number _____

Have you ever had any serious illness or injury? If yes, describe:

Have you ever had any previous training or experience in firefighting? If yes, describe:

List all Fire Companies you are or have been a member of: _____

Have you ever been convicted of any crime, including traffic offenses, but excluding parking tickets? If yes, describe: _____

Member(s) recommending applicant: _____

To the Officers and Members of the Minquas Fire Company No. 1;

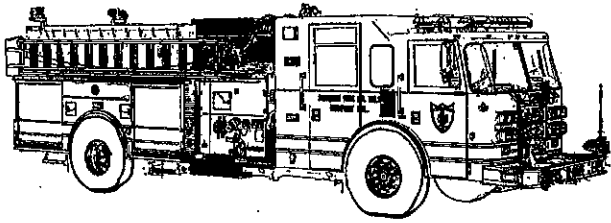
I, the undersigned, being ___ years of age, do hereby make application for membership in your organization. If accepted, I agree to comply with all laws, rules, regulations and orders of your company.

I further agree that I will be placed on probation for a period of time as outlined in the bylaws of the Minquas Fire Co. No. 1, Inc. During this probationary period I will be responsible for meeting all probationary requirements as outlined in the bylaws of the Minquas Fire Co. No. 1, Inc.

I further agree that if my conduct at any time is detrimental to the company or its members, I may have company charges placed against me and shall be tried by the Board of Directors, and be penalized as they may determine, in accordance with the company bylaws, which may include expulsion from the company.

Date _____

Signature _____



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JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

Parent or Guardian's Permission to allow minor to join the Minquas Fire Co. No. 1 Inc.

Permission is hereby granted to _____ to join the Minquas Fire Co. No. 1 Inc, as a junior member. This permission extends to all activities of the Fire Company whether carried on at the company premises or not and said parent waives any and all claims for injury or damage incurred by said member while taking part in the activity. All aforementioned requirements will pertain to the junior membership.

Date _____ Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Probationary Committee Report: _____ Passed _____ Failed

Investigation Committee Report: _____ Favorable _____ Unfavorable

Date placed on Active List: _____ Date Terminated: _____

Reason for Termination or not accepted: _____

REQUIREMENTS: MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO YEARS FROM DATE OF JOINING

ACTIVE FIREFIGHTER

MINIMUM:

50 Alarms AND 6 Meetings

-OR-

10% of TOTAL Fire Alarms

Minquas Fire Company Fire Rookie Book

TRAINING:

Basic Firefighting Skills

Structural Firefighting Skills

Hazardous Materials Response Skills

Vehicle Rescue

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

MINIMUM:

50 Alarms AND 6 Meetings

-OR-

10% of TOTAL Ambulance Alarms

TRAINING:

Emergency Medical Technician

12 hours In-House Vehicle Rescue

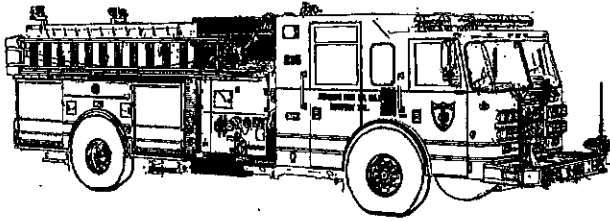
ACTIVE SOCIAL - (REQUIRES COMMITTEE APPROVAL)

MINIMUM:

7 Meetings

TRAINING:

None



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I ELECT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIP IN THE MINQUAS FIRE CO. NO. 1

_____ Active Firefighter

_____ Emergency Medical Technician

_____ Active Social

_____ Junior Member _____ Auxiliary

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

BACKGROUND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby certify that there are no willful misrepresentations or falsifications of the previous statements and answers to questions. I am aware that should the investigation disclose such misrepresentations or falsifications, my application will be rejected and I will be disqualified from applying for membership in the future with the Minquas Fire Company No. 1, Inc.

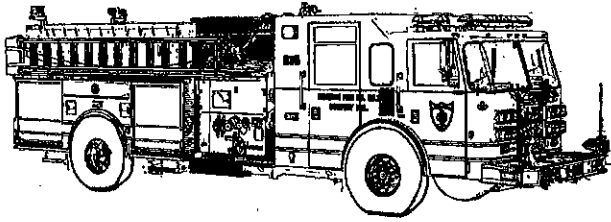
I also authorize my present and past employers to give information they have regarding me whether or not it is on their records. I hereby release them and their companies for any damages whatsoever for releasing said information.

I do hereby authorize a Police Background Check into my past and current Criminal and Traffic History and do hereby authorize any and all personnel involved in this investigation to disclose this information to the Investigations Committee.

I understand that my application may be rejected for any information disclosed through this investigation.

I do hereby VOLUNTARILY RELEASE the MINQUAS FIRE CO. NO. 1, INC. AND ALL ITS MEMBERS from any liability from this investigation or for any other reason of rejection as stated in Article IX, Section 5A of the By-Laws of the Minquas Fire Co. No. 1, Inc.

Any information obtained in this Background Investigation will be kept in confidence.



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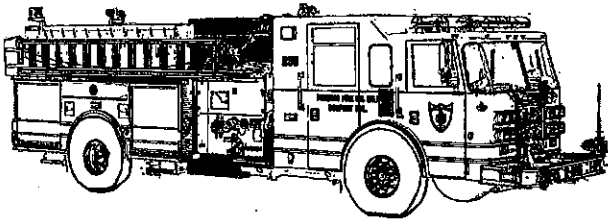
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PLEASE NOTE: This application MUST BE NOTARIZED by a Notary Public. The company can provide this service to you free of charge if an appointment is made with the company's Notary PRIOR to submitting this application. All applicants are required to obtain a Delaware State Bureau of Identification Criminal Background Check and an FBI background check. This background check must be received by the Investigations Committee before your application is submitted to the company for consideration.

Applicant's Signature (Sign in presence of Notary)

Notary's Signature and Seal



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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 any 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 \$1,000 or a term of imprisonment of up to 2 years, or both.

Applicant's Signature

Date

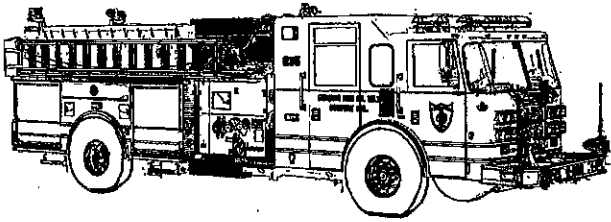
****YOU MUST HAVE THIS SIGNATURE NOTARIZED ON THE NEXT PAGE****

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:

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

Applicant's Signature

Date



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_____ (County)
_____ (State)

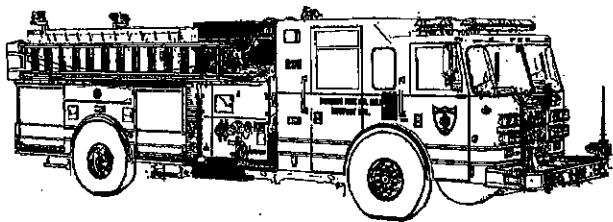
Before me personally appeared, _____, Applicant, of lawful age, to me known to be the identical person who signed this document of application and being by me first duly sworn, on oath state that all the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Notary Public

Printed or Typed Notary Public's Name

My Commission expires: _____

(Seal)



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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]

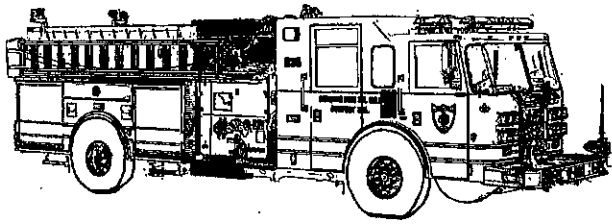
(a) An applicant for membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department who has been convicted of or, had that applicant been charged as a juvenile, adjudicated delinquent of any of the following crimes is prohibited from serving as a firefighter in this State:

(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;



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(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;

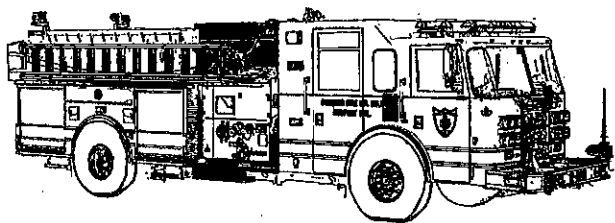
c. A serious crime involving property, such as burglary, embezzlement, or insurance fraud;

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



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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 membership in the volunteer fire department and a mandatory fine of at least \$1,000 or a term of imprisonment of up to 2 years, or both."

(e) An applicant for membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department who is denied membership or whose membership is revoked because of the requirements of this subchapter may appeal the denial or revocation to the State Fire Prevention Commission within 15 days of written notification of the denial or revocation by the volunteer fire department. An appeal under this subsection must be held in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 101 of Title 29, and is subject to judicial review under subchapter V of Chapter 101 of Title 29. (76 Del. Laws, c. 157, § 1; 70 Del. Laws, c. 186, § 1.)