

BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

You have taken the first of many steps toward becoming a member of the Bainbridge Township Volunteer Fire Company. This packet, along with the application, is intended to be informative about Bainbridge Township and the Bainbridge Township Volunteer Fire Company, and to give you an understanding about the process to become a member of the Bainbridge Township Volunteer Fire Company.

This completed application must be returned in person to the Bainbridge Township Fire Station. A Fire Company Screening Committee Member will then notify you that your application has been received and filed.

A completed application does not guarantee a position as a probationary firefighter. Applications will be reviewed and can be considered if the applicant has no more than 4 points against their driver's license, and they reside no more than fifteen (15) road miles from any border of Bainbridge Township. If considered, the applicant may proceed to an interview by the recruitment committee. After a candidate has been interviewed he or she may be asked to successfully complete a physical agility test, voice stress analysis, psychological exam, and a physical exam by the Township physician.

Understand that Bainbridge Township invests a lot of money into training new fire fighters and supplying personal protective equipment. Bainbridge Township expects to make a worthy investment in new members.

Probation is one year. As a probationary firefighter you will be given guidelines and requirements. You will be expected to show a continued interest. Being a volunteer can be demanding, sacrificing personal time from family, friends and sleep. This is without a doubt a commitment that can be rewarding and the ultimate in community involvement.

Bainbridge Township History

Bainbridge Township, Ohio is located in Geauga County approximately 26 miles south east of Cleveland. Town Center is located where U.S. 422 intersects with State Route 306. Bainbridge Twp. is adjacent to the Village of South Russell to the north, the Village of Chagrin Falls to the northwest, Auburn Twp. to the east, the City of Solon to the west and the City of Aurora to the south. Several branches of the Chagrin River run through Bainbridge Twp. to the rest of the Chagrin Valley.

Bainbridge Township has approximately 12,000 residents in almost 4,000 households contained in 16,000 acres and 25 square miles. There are some commercial and light industrial areas but the majority of the township is zoned and developed residential. Recently, there is a dramatic boost in the development of this area, in part, because of the completion of U.S. Highway 422 that runs through the center of the township. Plentiful rivers, streams and natural springs make this area a water rich community.

In 1803, Ohio became the 17th state in the union from lands formerly known as the Northwest Territory. Shortly afterwards, surveyors divided the northeastern part of the state, the Western Reserve Territory, into counties and townships. Geauga County was the second county created in Ohio and the largest county for many years until the Ohio counties were re-divided and the northern portion along Lake Erie was made into Lake County. In 1804, a devastating tornado destroyed portions of Geauga Co. and was the first recorded tornado in Ohio history.

Bainbridge Township relied on fire protection from the Chagrin Falls Fire Department until 1942, when the Bainbridge Township Volunteer Fire Department chartered with 8 members. In 1950 Bainbridge provided one of the first emergency rescue squads in the area.

Development was steady but slow until the 1960's with the sudden increase of people desiring to move into the area from the City of Cleveland. Bainbridge Township was close enough to Cleveland to get to work, but in an entirely different county not associated to the big city. Many prominent and wealthy businessmen began to move into the area mixing an upper class influence to the totally rural atmosphere. Some farms still thrived while their neighbors' lands were developed.

Tanglewood Golf Community, Lake Lucerne Community, Spring Valley, Pilgrim Village, Lake-in-the-Woods, Canyon Lakes, Timber Trails, Chagrin Falls Park and Laurel Springs are just some of the residential developments that exist in Bainbridge Township. There are several large horse facilities, athletic clubs and recreational facilities located in the township, including Centerville Mills.

FIRE DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

The Bainbridge Township Fire Department is comprised of volunteer and part-time employed personnel. All personnel are members of the volunteer fire company. Approximately 50 members respond to over 1,300 calls annually, fire & EMS combined.

To ensure the quickest response to an emergency with minimal personnel and equipment, Fire Company members are hired as part-time employees to staff the station with four members during the day, and five members in the evening. The need for responding volunteers is vital for department operation at all hours, 7 days a week. Volunteers will be issued pagers, and are asked to respond to the station for calls when available. Depending on the emergency, volunteers may respond to the scene with appropriate apparatus or they may be asked to stand by at the station.

All volunteers sign in on a log when arriving at the station for a call, and sign out when excused by the officer in charge. Volunteers will be compensated an hourly rate stated in the fire company contract with the Township. The Fire Department meets every Monday evening to train and conduct monthly business meetings.

To become a part-time employee of the Township, a person must be a Fire Company member, and there must be a need for a member to be hired as determined by the Chief. Members showing interest in a part-time position will apply, and be placed on a list. Positions will be filled by the Fire Chief as needed. It is important to understand that there is no guarantee of part time employment when becoming a Fire Company member.

PROBATIONARY FIRE FIGHTER GUIDELINES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The probation period shall be one year from date of acceptance as a probationary Fire Fighter. A probationary Fire Fighter who has successfully completed the requirements set forth by the Fire Company, and who has demonstrated an above average knowledge on operations and a good attitude and motivation, is eligible to be voted a regular member by Fire Company membership.

Failure to meet these guidelines is reason to disqualify a probationary firefighter from membership in the Fire Company.

The probationary Fire Fighter shall:

Maintain an updated organized notebook.

Update recruitment committee chairman or designee of their progress every month at the business meeting.

Be involved, attending as many calls as possible. Attendance will be evaluated quarterly.

Attend 50% or more of the drills, and business meetings.

Train on apparatus operation and department procedures. A training manual with detailed instructions will be provided. Also, as a probationary fire fighter you will be assigned a mentor to guide you along in this process. Mentors will be responsible for quarterly evaluations, and for helping with any questions or problems that may arise.

Successfully complete Bainbridge Township Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus training.

Failure to meet these requirements, as well as any insubordination or other misconduct, may result in disqualification.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE ANSWER EVERY QUESTION -- WRITE N/A IF ANSWER DOES NOT APPLY

PLEASE PRINT IN INK OR USE A TYPEWRITER

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Telephone: _____
HOME WORK MOBILE HOME WORK MOBILE

List your present address:

Number and street City State Zip Code

List previous address:

Number and street City State Zip Code

Are you a U.S. citizen? _____ Yes _____ No Social Security Number _____

Have you ever been a Fire Company Member before? _____ If yes, when? _____

Who should be notified in case of emergency?

Name Address Telephone Number

Who referred you to us? _____

Are you a veteran? _____ Branch of service: _____ Final Rank: _____

Type of discharge or other separation: _____

Do you have any physical or mental impairment(s) that would substantially affect your ability to safely perform your duties as a member without hazard to yourself or others?

_____ Yes _____ No If "Yes" please explain: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Include felonies, misdemeanors, traffic, and military convictions. Do **NOT** include parking violations or juvenile convictions. **FAILURE TO ADMIT IS CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION FOR CONSIDERATION.** A Criminal conviction is not always sufficient grounds for disqualification. **FALSIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION IS SUFFICIENT GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION.** Write "yes" or "no" as to whether you have ever been convicted of a crime:

_____ Yes _____ No If "yes" list all convictions on reverse side of paper.

List on the back of this paper any arrests still pending final disposition (show offense & location):

EDUCATION:

School	Address	Years Completed	Degree/Major Field
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High

College

Grad School or Other

EXPERIENCE: List previous Fire and / or EMS experience and training:

Employer	Dates (Mo/Yr)	Job Title	Pay Rate	Reason for Leaving
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1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

List any special skills you possess (crafts, trades, hobbies):

The position for which you are applying requires that you drive or have a valid driver's license. Has your driver's license ever been revoked or suspended? _____Yes _____No

If "Yes" state date and circumstances: _____

Drivers License # _____ State _____ Exp. Date _____

List all relevant licenses and certificates obtained: _____

Lic. Number	Issuing Board	Issue Date	Exp. Date
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List three people, not related to you, who have known you for at least one year, who we may contact for references:

Name	Address	Telephone Number

I CERTIFY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT FALSE OR INCOMPLETE STATEMENTS SHALL BE SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION OR DISMISSAL. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS APPLICATION IS NOT, AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT.

Applicant's Signature	Date
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WAIVER AND RELEASE

I, _____ of _____ hereby certify to the Bainbridge Township Volunteer Fire Company, Geauga County, Ohio that I am in good physical condition.

That as part of my application to become a member of the Fire Company I voluntarily agree to take a physical agility test.

In consideration of the privilege of taking the application and test, I, being of legal age, do for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns hereby waive, release and discharge the Bainbridge Township Volunteer Fire Company and each and every member of the company from any and all claims, demands and actions which I may have arising from any injury, sickness, or any other reason, I may incur while taking the physical agility test.

I understand that the test is being taken at my own risk and that I am not covered by any insurance coverage from the Bainbridge Township Volunteer Fire Company.

Signed _____

Parent/Guardian _____
(If applicant is under 21 years of age)

Date _____

Witness _____

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE DELIVERED IN PERSON TO THE BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION

BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY APPLICATION

NAME _____

APPLICATION FILED _____

MENTOR ASSIGNED _____

POLYGRAPH _____

INTERVIEWED _____

PHYSICAL AGILITY _____

PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAM _____

PHYSICAL EXAM _____

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT _____

TRAINING MANUAL ISSUED _____

FIRE SCHOOL _____ COMPLETED _____

EMT SCHOOL _____ COMPLETED _____

IN-HOUSE SCBA TRAINING _____

MAP TEST _____