



## **RED HOOK FIRE COMPANY**

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Dear Prospective Member:

We are pleased you are interested in becoming a member of the Red Hook Fire Company. We are seeking committed individuals who wish to contribute time and talent to the community as an active member of our organization. However, before you complete the attached application we urge you to read this letter completely, so that you have an understanding of the application process and the level of commitment required.

To be considered an active member of RHFD and receive the benefits of membership you must be at least 18 years old at the time of your application. We do have positions available as junior members of the Fire Company; you must be at least 16 years of age at the time of application for such membership. All new members must complete a physical upon joining. The physical will be provided by the Fire Company's medical provider.

There are duty requirements for active members of the Red Hook Fire Company. Within the first six months of membership you must complete either firematic or rescue squad 18 hour in house training. Within the first year of membership you must complete the New York State Firefighter I training program for firematic membership, An EMT or Certified First Responder course for rescue squad members, or a New York State Fire Police training program for fire police.

An active member is required to attend two drills quarterly for a minimum of eight per year. Also one third of regular company meetings, this is approximately four meetings per year. You must meet all federal and state requirements.

Monday evenings at the fire house are designated for drills, maintenance, and cleaning of apparatus. As an active member it is your responsibility to attend as many as possible.

As you can see, becoming a volunteer Firefighter/EMT does not happen overnight. We believe it is important that

you know fully the level of commitment that is necessary to become an active member. You need to be able to make an informed decision about whether you have the time and can make the commitment to become a member of the Red Hook Fire Company. While it may seem like a great deal of time, we try to schedule training and activities on evenings and weekends. As an emergency service provider, calls happen at all hours, you may be called to respond at anytime. This however should not be a burden, but an opportunity to make a difference.

A representative from the membership committee is responsible for contacting you to set up a personal interview. Please read the attached application carefully and furnish all needed documentation.

Once your interview has taken place, your application will be presented to the members of the company for approval. The company meets on the first Tuesday of the month, and you will be contacted following the meeting regarding the decision.

We look forward to receiving your application. If you have any additional questions please feel free to call the firehouse, or stop by on a Monday night after 7pm.

Sincerely  
Red Hook Fire Company