

# SNYDER FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Common Questions and Answers About Fire Department Membership



Q: What do Members of the Fire Department do?

A: Members of the Snyder Fire Department respond to calls for emergency medical assistance and fire suppression within the Snyder Fire District (see DISTRICT MAP page for boundaries)

Q: What qualifications are required to become a member of the Snyder Fire Department?

A: The basic requirements are simple:

- To join as a Firefighter you must be 18 years old at the time your application is submitted
- A program exists for individuals 16 – 18 years old to join as a “Torchboy”. These individuals are limited in the duties they perform but receive the same training as all firefighters.
- You must be a legal U.S. resident and reside within the boundaries of the Snyder Fire District  
(See DISTRICT MAP page for boundaries)
- You must complete a Membership Application.
- You must pass a police background check.
- The members of the Snyder Fire Department and the Snyder Fire District must approve your application.
- You must pass a physical examination by the Snyder Fire District physician.

Q: What training is required?

A: Within the first two years new members are required to pass the following training courses:

- New York State Basic Firefighting.
- New York State Certified First Responder plus Defib level (or higher)

In addition, new members are encouraged to attend in-house training to learn the procedures and practices of the Snyder Fire Department.

All members are required to maintain yearly training requirements as determined by the Snyder Fire District. Members utilize training from various sources including in-house Snyder Fire Department drills, Erie County, the State of New York, as well as schools and seminars offered locally and across the United States.

Q: What equipment is required?

A: The Snyder Fire District provides all required personal equipment. This includes pagerradio, turnout gear, helmet, boots, uniform, jumpsuit, EMS kit, summer and winter jacket as well as additional items.

Q: What is the cost for training and equipment?

A: The Snyder Fire District pays all costs for training and equipment. There are no out of pocket expenses for members.

Q: What will my membership mean to my family?

A: There is a time commitment associated with membership in the department. However, most of our members are married

and have successfully balanced the requirements of work and/or school, the fire department and family.

To encourage family interaction the Department hosts numerous activities and outings including picnics, cookouts, seasonal parties, sporting events, and formal dinners.

Q: What benefits do I receive as a member?

A: Some of the benefits you will receive include:

- the great satisfaction received by helping the residents of your community in their time of need.
- There is also the great camaraderie enjoyed by the members as a group.
- There is a free membership in a local fitness club.
- All members are covered by a comprehensive workers compensation and life insurance policy.
- Free training and education.
- A generous retirement benefit program beginning at age 55.

Q: What is the next step required to Join the Snyder Fire Department? A:

Download the membership application from the website.

Complete the paperwork and mail or deliver the application to the  
Snyder Fire Department  
4531 Main St.  
Amherst, New York 14226  
(DO NOT e-mail the application)

Q: What if I still have questions or need additional information? A: You may contact the appropriate individual by

Phone: 839 - 5000 ext. 15

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