

Frequently Asked Questions about Volunteering and Becoming a Volunteer Snyder Firefighter

One of the common statements/questions we hear is that someone doesn't think they have the right background or because they don't work in Emergency Services that they are not a good fit to be a ***Volunteer Snyder Firefighter***...That cannot be further from the truth! All of our Members come from various walks of life, with different experiences. Here are a few common questions or statements we hear, and hopefully this gives you some more insight into the rewarding profession of being a ***Volunteer Firefighter*** with Snyder Fire Department!

So, What do Snyder Firefighters do for "Real Jobs"?

Our Members, ***ALL VOLUNTEER***, come from a variety of backgrounds and work in a variety of professions from Skilled Trades, Laborers, Corporate Finance, Legal, Marketing, IT, Medical Professions, Civil Servants, and many, many more. So what drives Snyder Firefighters to do what they do? Simply put it is diverse and it varies from person to person, but there is one common trait, a desire to help people and to serve the community we live in. When someone is in distress, or despair, it is often their neighbors, Snyder Firefighters, first on-scene to render aid.

Skills such as being proficient in CPR can be incredibly crucial, for your family, friends and co-workers.

Can I Still Volunteer If I Don't Have Any Previous Experience or Training?

That's Okay! We don't require you to have previous experiences to ***volunteer*** with the Snyder Fire Department. In fact, we'll pay for all of the training you'll need such as basic firefighting, EMT and CPR classes. There is no out of pocket cost for you to get trained!

In addition to paying for training, the Snyder Fire Department holds regular weekly drills and training on Wednesday evenings, and occasional weekly drills on Wednesday mornings. Our Officers spend a tremendous amount of time preparing exciting and educational training opportunities that feature a combination of Hands-On Training and Classroom based learning.

Additionally, the Snyder Fire Department provides all of the tools and gear you will need to succeed. Our ***ALL VOLUNTEER*** Members are issued top-notch turnout gear and tools. Our

Chiefs and Officers will make sure you are properly trained on all of your gear and equipment and that you are equipped with everything you need!

How do I reconcile My “Outside Career” and My Fire Service Career?

Becoming a *Volunteer Firefighter* with the Snyder Fire Department can, and will help your professional and personal development in a variety of ways regardless of chosen career path or industry.

Many of our Members (*All Volunteer*) have gone on to successful careers in Emergency Services, from paid Firefighter positions, Law Enforcement, Advanced or Paramedic level EMS care, Nursing and Health Care, and much more.

But, equally as important, many of our members have leveraged their training here at Snyder to advance their careers in a number of career paths and industries. For example, as a Member of the Fire Department you are exposed to tremendous amounts of Leadership Training and Development, these qualities, traits, and skills are often sought after in the private sector as intangibles that can jumpstart or advance a career.

Equally, your skills developed outside of the Fire Department can be used here. For example, some of our Skilled Trades Workers bring their knowledge of the construction industry to the Fire Service and teach about Building Construction. Some of our business professionals utilize their skills to accomplish tasks and objectives on the administrative portion of the organization and operation.

It takes many types to be a successful *Volunteer Fire Department* - Become part of the mosaic with us, Volunteer Today!

What Is It Like to be a Volunteer Snyder Firefighter?

Volunteering with the Snyder Fire Department is more than just riding on big fire-trucks, or wearing fire-gear. It is about helping the Snyder Community, whether you grew up here, or moved here, we share a commonality. Becoming a Firefighter provides a sense of belonging and a sense of fulfilling a duty, or civic responsibility. More than just responding to emergency calls, and training, Members often enjoy each other's company as friends outside the firehouse. Members' children grow up together, spouses become friends and members bond over the shared experiences.