



Snyder Fire Department Probationary Firefighter Expectations

Points to Consider Prior to Joining:

- Being a firefighter is a hazardous job.
- You will be uncomfortable at times.
 - You will be hot, cold, wet, tired, stressed, excited, and bored.
 - You will be out in all sorts of weather, potentially hazardous.
 - You will be out at all hours of the day, including very late at night and/or very early in the morning.
- You will be in claustrophobic-inducing situations.
- You will be in stressful situations.
- You will be in loud environments.
- Being a firefighter is a physically demanding job.
- The training is physically demanding.
- You will be physically active while wearing heavy gear – turnout gear including a hood, mask, helmet, and gloves.
- While wearing heavy gear, you will:
 - Move and operate while wearing self-contained breathing apparatus weighing up to 35 pounds.
 - Lift and carry up to 50 pounds.
 - Carry, place, and climb ladders.
 - Carry and use power and hand tools and equipment.
 - Push and/or pull fully charged hose lines (heavy and bulky) and effectively move them through buildings.
 - Move and crawl through dark mazes and/or other building scenarios.
 - Move and operate in a hot, dark, smoke-filled environment.
- You will be interacting with, and treating, patients of all demographics.
- You will be exposed to potential bloodborne pathogens (with appropriate safety / isolation gear).
- You may be exposed to patients with serious injuries and/or death and/or dying.

Expectations as a Snyder Firefighter:

- Ask questions.
- Complete your initial training:
 - Onboarding.
 - NYS Firefighter I (within first year of membership).
 - NYS Emergency Medical Technician (by end of 2nd year of membership).
- Become and remain an active member in good standing.
- Actively participate in drills, training, work details, meetings.
- Attend calls.
- Operate and behave in a safe and prudent manner.
- Effectively communicate verbally and in written format.
- Maintain certifications.
- Respect all members.
- Conduct yourself in a professional manner.
- Abide by the policies, procedures, and bylaws of the Snyder Fire Department and rules and regulations of the Snyder Fire District.
- Follow the commands and directions of Officers.
- Properly care for all Snyder Fire issued equipment.