

The Elmira Heights Fire Company

Membership application

www.ElmiraHeightsFire.org

History

The Elmira Heights Volunteer Fire Department was founded in 1896. When it began it was composed of two companies, the Chemical and Hose Company and the Independent Hook and Ladder Company. These later combined into one department. The first fire chief was William Monroe and the first fire bell was purchased from Grace Church in Elmira. The original fire station was across the street from its present location on the northeast corner of Scottwood and Fourteenth Street. It was merely a shed in which to store equipment. Throughout the Heights three hose carts were placed. In case of a fire, this was the procedure used: Someone ran to ring the fire bell while everyone else near the fire ran to the hose cart to fasten the hose to the nearest hydrant. When the fire bell rang, firemen from every part of the village raced to the fire station. The hook and ladder truck was hand-drawn. The hose carts and chemical engine were horse-drawn.

Anyone with a team of horses made a bee-line for the station. The first team that appeared to pull the apparatus received three dollars for his services and the second team received two dollars for the use of his team. The race to see what man would get his team to the fire station first was almost as exciting as the fire itself. At the fire, the hose was connected to the hose already connect to the hydrant and the real fire fighting began.

The fire department had it's social side as well. The two companies were as separate as it was possible to be. You either belonged to one or the other, but never both. You might walk to the door of the building with your friend of the other company, but once inside the door friendship ceased until you came back out. Benefit dances, card parties, and social gatherings were held and things went fine until it was time to divide the money. This rivalry and animosity continued until one night a new fire chief, tired of the bickering, ordered the door to be opened between the parlors of the two companies.

Statement

We here Elmira Heights Fire Company want to thank you for your interest in joining. We are always looking for enthusiastic and outgoing individuals who are willing to volunteer their time to continue the tradition our tradition of providing Fire and Rescue services to the Village of Elmira Heights and the surrounding areas.

Once one becomes a member of the Elmira Heights Fire Company, you also become a member of the Elmira Heights Fire Department. The Fire Company is the membership body and social aspect, whereas the fire department is the business side, providing the fire and rescue services to the village and outlying areas.

As a member of the Elmira Heights Fire Department one is given a job choice. One can choose to become a scene support member, as a scene support member one would not participate in any fire suppression, but would assist with duties on the fire grounds. A scene support member also participates in all EMS related duties. The other job choice is to become a interior fire fighter. As an interior firefighter one would do all the duties of the scene support, plus the addition of fire suppression training.

Reminder

Please remember to fill out all applicable information accurately and completely. When you return to the Elmira Heights Fire Department to present your application please also remember to bring two (2) forms of identification (License and Social Security Card preferred).

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
****ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**

Social Security Number

NAME _____
Last First Middle Initial Maiden Name (if applicable)

LEGAL ADDRESS:

Address City State Zip

MAILING ADDRESS:

Address City State Zip

HOME PHONE (____) _____ CELL PHONE (____) _____ WORK PHONE (____) _____

AGE _____ BIRTHDATE _____ Are you an American Citizen? Yes _____ No _____

Where have you resided for the past 5 years? _____

Have you ever been a member of a paid or volunteer Fire Dept? *Yes _____ No _____

*If answered yes where and for how long _____

*Have you ever been expelled from and such organization Yes _____ No _____

*Have you ever been rejected from any such organization Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever been convicted by any court, including a court of military justice, of a felony or misdemeanor?

Yes _____ No _____ If answered yes, list date, place, and nature of each conviction.
(Intentional omission of any such conviction will result in an immediate termination of this application)

*1. _____

*2. _____
(If additional room is needed please provide on separate sheet of paper)

Do you have any court actions pending? Yes _____ No _____

Were you in the Armed Forces? *Yes _____ No _____ Branch _____ *Discharge Type _____

Do you have any impairment, physical or mental, that would prevent you from functioning in the position of firefighter?

Name _____

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

(Include all applicable information)

Type of School	Name of School	Telephone	Address	
High School or GED				Graduate Y N
College				Graduate Y N
Graduate or Tech School				Graduate Y N

LICENSES/CERTIFICATES OR OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS TO PRACTICE A SKILL, TRADE OR PROFESSION

Skill, Trade, or Profession	License or Certificate #	Issued by: (City, State, or Agency)	License Dates From - To	Permanent Yes or No

DRIVERS LICENSE INFORMATION:

None _____ Out of State _____ (indicate State) New York State _____

Motorist ID #: _____ Class: _____

Restrictions: _____ Endorsements: _____

WORK EXPERIENCE: DO NOT SUBSTITUTE A RESUME FOR THIS SECTION. Complete all information required. Describe in detail all duties performed. A resume may be attached to this application only as a supplement to the information that you are providing.

Present Employer:

Name: _____		Address _____		
		Address	City	State
Length of Employment From: _____ To: _____	Duties:			
Title				
Supervisor				
Reason for Leaving				
Phone # (_____) _____				

Name _____

Previous Employers

Name: _____ Address _____	
	Address City State Zip
Length of Employment From: _____ To: _____	Duties:
Title	
Supervisor	
Reason for Leaving	
Phone # (_____) _____	

Name: _____ Address _____	
	Address City State Zip
Length of Employment From: _____ To: _____	Duties:
Title	
Supervisor	
Reason for Leaving	
Phone # (_____) _____	

REFERENCES: (List the names of three (3) individuals familiar with you, not former employers or relatives)

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

Briefly describe why you want to be a part of the Elmira Heights Fire Dept.

Name _____

AGREEMENT

I hereby apply for membership in the Elmira Heights Fire Company No. 1 and state:
(Write your initials after each statement to verify that you have read and understand the following)

The information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I understand and agree that any misrepresentation or false statement by me in connection with the application will constitute justifiable cause for the Elmira Heights Fire Co. #1 to terminate my membership.

Initials _____

I understand and agree that all information furnished in this application may be verified by the Elmira Heights Fire Co. #1. I hereby authorize all individuals and organizations named or referred to in this application and any law enforcement organization to give the Elmira Heights Fire Co.#1 all the information relative to such verification and hereby release such individuals, organizations and the Elmira Heights Fire Co. #1 from any and all liability for any such claim or damage resulting there from.

Initials _____

I understand that my membership in the Elmira Heights Fire Co. #1 is conditional upon my passing a physical examination and I agree to submit to a physical examination subsequent to full membership and, from time to time during the course of my membership whenever requested. Such examinations will be performed by doctors designated by the Elmira Heights Fire Department and I hereby authorize such doctors to furnish the results of such examinations to the Elmira Heights Fire Department.

Initials _____

If elected to membership, I agree that I will serve at the will of the Fire Company and Fire Department and will devote as much time as necessary to become a proficient firefighter. I agree that I shall be bound by the rules, policies, and regulations of both the Elmira Heights Fire Co. #1 and the Elmira Heights Fire Department as they are from time to time changed with or without notice to me.

Initials _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

(If an applicant is under the age of 18, then a parent or guardian must also sign the application)

SECTION 1:

Membership in the Elmira Heights Fire Company: Application was received by the Investigating Committee (copy was posted in bulletin board). The Investigating Committee of: _____

_____ **Investigated Application and referred Application to the Council of the Elmira Heights Fire Department its findings.**

COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT

We the council of the Elmira Heights Fire Department recommend the ACCEPTANCE/Rejection of the above applicant.

Secretary of the Fire Department

FINAL REPORT

The report of the above committee being: favorable _____ unfavorable _____ balloting upon the application at a regular meeting of the Fire Company held on _____ resulted in the acceptance _____ rejection _____ of the application.

Fire Company Secretary