

SPARTA FIRE DEPARTMENT
107 E. JACKSON STREET
SPARTA, ILLINOIS 62286
PHONE: 618-443-2917 EXT. 5
FAX: 618-443-4344

FIREFIGHTER APPLICATION

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for a position with Sparta Fire Department. Should you become a member of the department, we are sure you will find the work that we do both rewarding and challenging. Sparta Fire Department consists of 29 paid-on-call members, and one Fire Chief. We are a "City" department, meaning that we are supported by city tax monies and governed by the Sparta City Council.

The fire department responds to an average of 100 calls per year consisting of, but not limited to: residential, commercial, vehicle and other property fires as well as field/brush fires, automatic alarms and various rescue and vehicle extrication incidents. We also participate in many civic functions in addition to our other responsibilities, and conduct fundraisers to help support the department. There are **no fees or expenses required** to join the fire department, only the dedication of your time and efforts to improve yourself and the department. All equipment is issued to you at **no cost**.

Your participation is very important to a department such as ours. Some of the extracurricular functions that we are involved in are: putting up and taking down Christmas decorations for the city, our annual BBQ, fire prevention and safety events with the community schools and businesses, participating in area parades and training burns.

All members of the fire department are expected and required to attend all training sessions and business meetings. Training is conducted on the first, second, fourth and fifth (if applicable) Mondays of the month, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. You have the option of attending either of those sessions. The third Monday is reserved for our officer training and business meetings. Officer training begins at 6:00 p.m. and the business meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. You are not required to attend officer training unless you are an officer. During the business meeting we: discuss the operation of the department, purchase new equipment, pay outstanding bills and plan upcoming events. New members must also successfully complete a minimum 12 month probationary period, and are required to complete an approved State of Illinois Basic/Advanced Firefighter certification program. This is paid for by the city. Additional training courses may be available for members who successfully complete the Basic/Advanced firefighter course.

If you choose to submit an application, you will be required to take a written aptitude test, a physical agility test, and participate in an interview. Failure to pass any of these successfully will stop the application process. You will be notified in advance of the testing date(s), and will be provided with an outline of the testing procedures. After successfully completing all the tests and interviews, your name will be placed on an eligibility list, and the members of the department will select the person(s) to fill any open positions. If you are selected, you will be required to take a physical at Sparta Community Hospital, which is paid for by the city. Your application will then be forwarded to the city council for formal approval.

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The minimum requirements for becoming a member of Sparta Fire Department are:

- Reside in the response area of Sparta Fire Department **PRIOR** to becoming a member of the department
- Possess a high school diploma or GED (must provide proof)
- Have a valid Illinois driver's license
- Not have been convicted of a felony (a background check will be conducted)

Again, Sparta Fire Department would like to thank you for your interest in becoming a firefighter with our department. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the firehouse at 443-2917 ext. 5, talk to any member of the department or stop in at the firehouse to speak with members of the department.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME: _____ PHONE NO.: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

APPROXIMATE TIME AVAILABLE: _____

REFERENCES: (Other than relatives or current members of Sparta Fire Department; please include addresses and phone numbers)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

PAST EMPLOYMENT: (Please include address and phone numbers)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES () NO ()

Level of education: (Please circle highest level completed)

(By signing below, you give consent to the Fire Chief to perform a background check.)

High School: 9 10 11 12
College: 1 2 3 4

SPECIAL SKILLS OR QUALIFICATIONS:

Please list any skills, qualifications, certifications or special training that you feel would be beneficial to Sparta Fire Department.

I certify that the answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and authorize the investigation of any or all statements contained on this application.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____