

Hope Fire Company #1, Inc.
82 Route 526
Allentown, NJ 08501
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Membership Application Package

Hope Fire Company has several different membership classifications to allow members for flexibility in the level of involvement by members. The following categories are the entry-level positions that a volunteer could hold:

Junior Members: Ages 16 and 17, this is a position that allows young members to obtain experience and general exposure to the world of firefighting, while not entering any hazardous situations.

Active Members: Minimum age of 18. These members must complete basic firefighting training. These members respond on emergency assignments, and perform whatever work is necessary to mitigate the emergencies. They must attend drills to ensure the skills are kept sharp for emergency calls.

Fire Police Members: Minimum age of 18. These members must complete a Fire Police course. These members respond to emergency assignments, and assist through managing traffic and allow for a safe work ground for the firefighters, and prevent civilians from entering hazardous areas.

Social Members: Minimum age of 18. These members do not respond on emergency calls, and are therefore not subjected to entering hazardous situations. These members provide the necessary support in running the Company. Most notably, support is provided in the fund raising events that are required for us to provide our service.

Ladies Auxiliary: Minimum age of 18. The Ladies Auxiliary members support the fire company during extended operations, by providing food and refreshments. Support is also provided in the fund raising events that are required for us to provide our service. (Inquire for a separate Ladies Auxiliary Application)

The regularly scheduled activities are as follows: Company meeting on the 1st Monday of every month at 19:30. Work detail every Wednesday evening at 19:00. Drill on the 2nd Tuesday and last Monday of every month at 19:00. There are also fundraisers and additional drills throughout the year.

Volunteers are always needed. Many people may think that a fire company is not the place for them, but our volunteers have a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and interests. ***We encourage potential members to come to the firehouse on Wednesday evenings after 7PM to ask questions and get a feel for what is involved.***

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Instructions for Application for Membership

Please complete the attached forms:

Membership Requirements Form
Membership Application Form
Personal History Form
Background Information Release Form

Please complete the NJ State Fireman's Association Application Form (which includes a required physical).

If you have ever been a member of any fire company, rescue squad, and/or first aid squad, a reference letter from the Chief or President is required.

Return the completed Application Package in person to the above address.

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Membership Requirements Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please read and verify that you, the applicant, meet the following membership requirements:

1. You must be a citizen of the United States
2. Junior Members: you must be 16 or 17 years old.
3. Active Members: you must be at least 18 years old.
4. You must live within Allentown or Upper Freehold Township.
5. You must be physically fit to perform firefighting duties as assigned.

I, _____, hereby verify that I meet the above Membership Requirements to apply for membership to Hope Fire Company No. 1, Inc.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

(For Junior Member Applicants)

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Membership Application Form

Type of Membership: Active _____ Junior _____ Fire Police _____ Social _____

Personal Data:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Are you a United States Citizen? _____

Do you have a NJ Drivers License? _____

If yes, write the license number. _____

Has your license ever been suspended or revoked? _____

If yes, state reasons. _____

Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a criminal offense, or are you now under charges of a criminal offense? _____

If yes, state charge/conviction _____

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Personal History Form

How long have you lived at your current address? _____
If less than two years, please indicate prior address

Please indicate your employment for the last 5 years, starting with your current employer.

Employer	Phone	from/to	position held
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Have you ever served in the United States Armed Forces? _____

If yes, which branch? _____ Type of Discharge _____

Please circle your highest level of education:

Elementary High School (graduate Yes/No) College (graduate Yes/No)

Please list civic, social, fire/ems, and other organizations you are or have been a member.

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Please indicate any experience you have in firefighting.

Please list two character references who are not family members

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Why do you want to join Hope Fire Company No. 1?

I hereby authorize the Membership Committee to make inquiries with reference to the above statements with any institution or individual.

Applicant's (or parent/guardian) signature / Date

I do certify that the above information I have given in the above application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge

Applicant's (or parent/guardian) signature / Date

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Background Information Release Form

To:

NJ Motor Vehicle Commission and all courts, probation departments, officers and judges in charge of criminal/civil court records, schools, colleges, physicians, psychiatrists, mental health clinics, hospitals, medical record centers or bureaus or agencies, selective services boards, military services, military record centers and bureaus, unemployment and disability insurance offices, insurances companies, workers compensation companies and courts, and any and all other institutions, agencies, persons, businesses without exception.

I, (print your name) _____

Whose social security number is _____

Whose date of birth is _____

Whose driver license number is _____

And whose current address is _____

Am an individual whose background is being investigated by Hope Fire Company #1, Inc. I am cooperating in this investigation and affix my signature to this document of my own free will and accord.

Therefore, you are hereby authorized to release any and all information, records, documents, reports, evaluations, examinations, or any and all other information pertaining to me that they may request.

A photo static copy of this authorization will be deemed as effective and valid as the original.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature for Junior members: _____
Date: _____