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LINDSEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ready to Respond. Willing to Care. Trained to Make a Difference.

WHY VOLUNTEER

The Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department is looking for individuals who want to make a positive impact in the lives of others. Whether it is responding to an emergency call for help or teaching fire safety education, joining the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department will give you these opportunities and more.

The fire service is one of the most diverse and challenging vocations today. It is this diversity that attracts volunteers to join our ranks. Different people volunteer for different reasons. Action oriented people enjoy the excitement and adrenaline rush that emergency services have to offer. Some see the volunteer fire service as a great opportunity to serve their community and give back, while others just want to belong to the team. Whatever motivates you to volunteer, everyone gains the self-satisfaction of being at their best when others are dealing with what is often the worst that life has to offer.

As our world has changed, so has the role of fire departments in our communities. No longer are fire departments just responding to fires. We are our community's first line of protection to an ever-increasing list of emergencies including: vehicle accidents, childbirth, hazardous chemical spills, heart attacks, and any imaginable emergency in between. Being there for family, friends, and even strangers in their greatest time of need, is what makes volunteering so personally rewarding.

We realize that firefighting is not for everyone, but we believe that volunteering can be. There are plenty of jobs to be filled off the fire ground including fire prevention education, assisting with rehab operations on a scene, and maintaining fire apparatus and station buildings. Additionally, there are numerous administrative tasks including marketing, fundraising, and record keeping.

The personal rewards and satisfaction received from volunteering is beyond description. There is the sense of accomplishment when you control a building fire, joy and elation when a child is born, compassion for accident victims, and fulfillment from teaching fire safety to children.

No matter the reason *YOU* decide to volunteer, the bottom line is *YOU WILL* make an impact in the lives of hundreds of people each year by being there when *YOU* are needed most!



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ABOUT LINDSEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the 1930s, a group of concerned citizens raised funds to purchase the town's first fire truck. The purchase was prompted after the church in Lindsey burnt to the ground. At that time, when the fire alarm went off, everyone including men, women, and children, raced to the scene and created a bucket brigade.

Formal organization of the department was not established until 1945. At that time, the fire station/jail took up residence where the Village of Lindsey currently houses their maintenance trucks. In the mid-1970s, the village purchased the north bay of the prior fire station. Because of the limited space in the existing south bay, the back half of the northern bay had to be renovated and trucks were once again moved around to fit in the space available.

Before the new fire station was built in 2015, in downtown Lindsey, the old fire station located on the same site was circa 1897. The building had served our community well as a home to such businesses as a restaurant, auto dealership, chicken hatchery, funeral parlor, and mechanic shop. In 2018, a second fire station was built in Rice Township.

Currently, the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department is staffed by 20 dedicated volunteers. We operate out of two stations which house seven vehicles and one rescue trailer. Our first due response area covers 55 square miles across Washington Township, Rice Township and the Village of Lindsey in Sandusky County, Ohio. The population of our district is just under 3,000 residents. Over 90% of our district's land is used for agricultural production. We also have reciprocal aid agreements with fire departments from both Sandusky and Ottawa counties to provide or receive help when needed for any incident.

For more information and pictures, visit our website at: Lindseyfire.org



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MISSION, VISION, VALUES, MOTTO

MISSION

The Mission of the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department is to protect the lives and property of the citizens of our district, and all those who may pass through, from fire and other emergencies.

VISION

By utilizing the talents of diverse and dedicated volunteers, the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department will be recognized as a leader acclaimed for our progressive nature and service attentiveness as we strive to improve the quality of life for the citizens and visitors of our district. We will consistently plan and make use of ever-changing technology and state-of-the-art equipment to be an organization to which all others will benchmark their efforts.

CORE VALUES

Family – Our family and yours

Community – Where we live and to those we serve

Dedication – To the Village, Townships, Department, and one another

Compassion – For our families and the families we serve

Professionalism – Through competence, education, and experience

MOTTO

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Below is a list of the minimum requirements volunteers must be able to meet before being considered for membership with the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department:

- ☒ **Must be at least 18 years of age**
- ☒ **Have a valid driver's license**
- ☒ **Pass a criminal background check**
- ☒ **Pass a DOT drug test and physical**
- ☒ **Complete the Ohio Volunteer Firefighter 36-hour course**
- ☒ **Lift a minimum of 80 lbs**

VOLUNTEER MEMBERSHIP

PROBATIONARY MEMBER

If you meet the minimum requirements, your name can be proposed by a Member in Good Standing at a regular business meeting of the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department. The Executive Committee will help facilitate a criminal background check, Department of Transportation (DOT) drug screening, and Department of Transportation (DOT) physical all paid for by the fire department. Results of the three requirements are only given to the Chief Officers for review.

Once passing results are confirmed, the candidate's name will be balloted at the next regular business meeting of the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department. The candidate must receive a majority vote of the Members in Good Standing before their name will be presented to the Village of Lindsey Council for appointment as a Probationary Member. If the candidate is not approved by the membership, their name may not be presented again for a period of at least 6 months.

Upon appointment by the Village of Lindsey Council, the probationary period is 12 months. During that time the Probationary Member must:

- ☒ **Obtain a minimum Volunteer Firefighter (36-hour) certification from Ohio Emergency Medical Services.**
- ☒ **Maintain a Member in Good Standing status (Section 4 of Member in Good Standing guideline) for a period of at least two years or member is responsible for FULL reimbursement of ALL department paid training including, but not limited to, firefighter training and/or other related expenses such as DOT physicals and/or drug tests.**
- ☒ **Present a valid driver's license and proof of insurance to the Executive Committee.**

FULL MEMBER

Upon meeting the requirements of the Probationary Member, you will be considered a Full Member 12 months from your appointment date. This section outlines the requirements of Full Member status:

- **Complete the required amount of Continuing Education (CE) hours for the firefighter certification held by the member and provide proof of registration with the Ohio Emergency Medical Services for each certification.**
- **Maintain a CPR basic certification through an accredited organization such as the Red Cross.**
- **Annually complete an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course that meets NFPA 1451 or equal.**
- **Maintain a Membership in LVFD Inc. (Non-profit group which supports the fire department).**
- **Maintain a Member in Good Standing status:**
 - Respond to a minimum of 20% of emergency calls annually. (November 1st – October 31st)
 - Meet 2 of the 3 criteria listed below, annually. (November 1st – October 31st)
 1. Attend a minimum of four (4) regular monthly meetings.
 2. Obtain a minimum of 10 training points. A MINIMUM of (5) points must be from participating in Lindsey Fire Department in-house trainings. A MAXIMUM of (5) points can be from any outside training from an accredited organization or approved by the Chief.
 3. Complete a minimum of 12 hours of station duty assignments.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It is understandable that things may arise from time to time that do not allow you to meet the requirements of a Full Member. Members may at any time request, in writing, to the Executive Committee, a Leave of Absence for a minimum of 3 months, not to exceed 1 year. The Executive Committee will hold a vote at which time a 51% approval will be needed to grant the request. During the leave of absence, the member may not respond to emergency calls, hold an officer position and/or an Executive Committee position. The member is permitted to continue to attend department trainings and meetings to keep certifications current.

MEMBER BENEFITS

When you join us, you are not just joining the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department, you are joining our fire department family! The Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department tries extremely hard to recognize and reward our members for the sacrifices they, and their families, make to serve and protect our community. Below are some of the benefits of volunteering with us:

Advanced Training Opportunities Firefighters are encouraged to seek outside training and conferences. Expenses, including travel and lodging, are generally covered by the department.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) We protect our firefighters with the latest technology in fire resistant coats, pants, leather boots, gloves, Nomex Hoods and helmets.

Technology The Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department prides itself on providing our members with the latest technology both on and off the fire ground.

Learn Lifesaving Skills Outside of the department, you could apply the life-saving skills you learn to help save a life 24/7, 365 days a year.

Join a Brotherhood and Sisterhood When you join the fire service, you instantly become part of a family of brothers and sisters around the world.

Family Social Events Family is one of Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department's core values. We host family events throughout the year for a relaxing social experience for the entire family.

Annual Christmas Party Each year in December, a Christmas Party is hosted to acknowledge the sacrifices of our volunteers for our community. This is another way to socialize in a relaxed environment where food and drink are provided.

Significant Other Night Out Dinner LVFD Inc. hosts a night out for dinner for you and your significant other. The decision to volunteer requires an understanding partner and this dinner is a way for us to recognize their commitment to our community.

VFIS Insurance Just as our members protect our community, the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department wants to make sure our firefighters are protected. VFIS insurance provides support to our firefighters in the event something should happen.

Assistance Programs We care about your health, safety, and well-being. In times of need, programs are available to provide critical incident stress debriefings and counseling to help our volunteers deal with the emotional impact of the tragedies we are unfortunately exposed to in our line of work. This service is provided free-of-charge through the Northwest Ohio Crisis Intervention Team and NAMI.

Member Stipends Although our firefighters volunteer their time and talents, there is a cost associated to being a volunteer. The Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department provides members that meet the Member in Good Standing requirements with a stipend based on their run attendance percentage. These stipends can be up to \$595/year.

Northwest Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association (NOVFA) Membership As a member of NOVFA, you will have access to other training opportunities, social events, and networking with over 200 other member fire departments from across Northwest Ohio.

Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department Clothing The Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department provides each member a polo shirt, uniform shirt, tie, and pants. Periodically, members may purchase other items when a bulk order is placed or can get custom printed items through local shops.

CONTACT US TODAY TO VOLUNTEER!



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