# **DUCK LAKE FIREFIGHTERS APPLICATION**

Applying to be a firefighter indicates to the department and our community that you are committed to help others in a time of crisis. This is a great contribution, responsibility and commitment, and should not be taken lightly. As the protective services for this community and surrounding area we must view our volunteering with a professional attitude and commitment. Your community and your fellow volunteers deserve your total commitment.

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Home #:Worl	k#:	Cell#:
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Occupation:		
Applying for: Fire Fighter	Junior Fir	e Fighter
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Availability to respond (circle all th	at apply):	
Daytime only Nighttime	Weekends	24/7
Please provide two character refere	ences that we may	contact:
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# Duck Lake Volunteer Fire Fighters Application

# Page 2 Please read and check the following points to indicate your intended commitment to the department: \_\_ I am committed to volunteering as a firefighter and/or rescue worker and am willing to make every effort to attend meetings and participate in training activities. \_\_\_ I will maintain first aid and CPR required certification. \_\_ I will participate, to the best of my ability, in all fundraising/community activities. By signing this application, you are indicating your interest in becoming a member of the Duck Lake Volunteer Fire Department and acknowledge and agree with that commitment as indicated above. Applicants must have and maintain adequate physical condition to complete expected department duties and activities. Applicants will be required to supply a criminal records check and as well a signed doctor's certificate. Applicant's name (print): \_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_ Applicants signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Doctor's Certificate** The above applicant was examined by me and I find no medical reason why he/she cannot satisfactorily perform all the duties and functions required of a volunteer fire fighter. True / False If false, please explain:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# DUCK LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date	
Applicants Name	
To whom it may concern	

The Town of Duck Lake requires all Council members, staff and volunteers to undergo a criminal record check with the RCMP- criminal records checks, including a Vulnerable Sector Verification will be required prior to commencement of service with the town.

The Duck Lake Fire Department is a volunteer organization under the umbrella of the Town of Duck Lake. As such, new member applications must include a criminal record check, including a Vulnerable Sector Verification

As a possible requirement of duties, any Fire Fighter may be asked by the officer in charge to preform duties that put them in situation where they are in contact with children and/ or vulnerable residents. The vulnerability checks are needed for the following reasons.

- In a MVC situation a Fire Fighter maybe asked to sit with upset children in a warm vehicle or firefighting apparatus, when the guardians or parents are unable to because of injury or death.
- In a structure fire situation a Fire Fighter may be asked to accompany children and or elderly residents to a safe location and remain with them as long as necessary.
- Fire Fighters may be required to help with elderly residents in an evacuation at the senior care home (Goodwill Manor) and may be put in a trust position with residents.

Regards

Neil Forseille Fire Chief Duck Lake Fire Dept.

#### Duck Lake Fire Department

#### **VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**

The Duck Lake Fire Department is constantly looking for community spirited and motivated men and women for our volunteer Fire Department.

As a member of our Fire Fighters Association, you become a part of the fire fighting fraternity.

If you are 18 years old you may have a future serving our community proudly by becoming a Volunteer Fire Fighter. If you are 16 years old – with written parental consent - there are Junior Firefighter positions available.

#### What do you need to become a Volunteer Fire Fighter?

- **Compassion**: first and foremost we deal with helping people. Fire Fighters must be honest, caring, reliable individuals with a desire to help others.
- **Commitment**: Emergencies happen 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Fire Fighters are expected to respond to emergencies whenever available.
- **Time**: Fire Fighters are requested at attend two, two hour practice sessions twice monthly.
- Good health: Fire Fighting is a strenuous job, both mentally and physically.
- Driver's license: Class 5 or better in good standing
- Positive Attitude: the ability to work as a team member and follow directions.
- Live and/or work in the Duck Lake area in order to respond with the Department on Emergency responses
- Criminal Check

## What will I be trained in as a Volunteer Firefighter?

- Driving Emergency Vehicles
- Use of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
- Radio Communications
- The structure of Command
- Basic pump operations
- Working from hydrants
- Hose laying
- Hose loading
- Operations and selection of nozzles
- Structure suppression fire prevention
- Ladders
- Foam
- Extinguishers
- Dealing with flammable products
- Wild land firefighting
- Live fire training
- Vehicle firefighting

# What are the duties of a Volunteer Firefighter within a Fire Department?

As a volunteer firefighter, from time to time you will:

- Respond to fires in the Town of Duck Lake and the Rural Municipality of Duck Lake
- Respond into other fire areas as outlined in Mutual Aid Agreements
- Train towards professional qualifications for a firefighter as set out by the NFPA standards
- Be part of a team that keeps the units ready for the next emergency call and keep the fire station neat and tidy.
- You may be placed on a special committee to look after items such as communications, health and safety or the self-contained breathing apparatus' and other related duties such as fundraising, assistance with public education activities and public relations events.

#### Are there Junior Firefighters?

If you have attained the minimum age of 16 and have written consent of your parents, or guardians, you may apply for the Junior Firefighter position. Juniors will be trained to the same standards as regular firefighters although some of the duties of a Firefighter will not necessarily be given to a Junior Firefighter due to the dangerous nature of the specific duty. Juniors are highly encouraged to participate in the training sessions. Responding to emergencies from school will only be done with parental and school permission.

## How many calls does the Fire Department respond to in a year?

Every year is different; hot, dry spring conditions may increase call volumes due to grass fires.

On average we respond to approximately 10 – 15 calls per year.

#### How do I get started?

Applications are available at the Town Office. Once filled – this form can be dropped off at the Town Office. The Senior Fire Officials will review this and you will receive a letter or phone call when you are accepted – at which time you will receive further direction.