

## 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 to 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.