

- MIDDLEBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT -

Application for Membership

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

All questions have to be answered. Do not be embarrassed by any questions, they are for department use only, and will be used to evaluate your request to become a member. We do not want to place anyone in a position of fighting fires for which he/she is not qualified. The Middlebury Fire Department reserves the right to conduct a background and record check on each and every applicant.

Date _____

Name _____ **Social Security No.** _____

Address _____

Age _____ **Date of Birth** _____ **Marital Status** _____

Evening Phone _____ **Day Phone** _____

Present Employer _____

• **Next of Kin** _____ **Relation** _____

• **Address and Phone** _____

How long have you lived in the town of Middlebury? _____

Are any of your relatives present or past members of this department? _____

If yes, who? _____

Reason for joining the Middlebury Fire Department? _____

Do you have any experience as a firefighter? _____

If yes, in what department(s)? _____

Number of years? _____ **Highest position held in that department?** _____

Do you have any experience in operating heavy trucks? _____

Can you climb and work safely on a ladder? _____

Can you normally attend fires in the daytime? _____ **Nighttime?** _____

Do you belong to any other civic organizations? _____ **If yes, please list below:**

1. _____

Do you have a valid driver's license? _____ If yes, what state? _____

What is your driver's license number? _____

Have you had any court actions *other* than traffic violations? _____ If yes, what were they... and when? _____

Have you had any traffic violations? _____ If yes, explain what they were, what state they occurred in and on what date: _____

Please list three personal references with phone numbers (daytime & evening, if possible):

NAME _____ DAY PHONE _____ EVE _____

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As a member of the Middlebury Fire Department, you will be required to attend an accepted Vermont Training Council "Firefighter One" course and pass the course within *roughly* one year of your application date. If you have already passed a "Firefighter One" course or equivalent, please list *WHEN* and *WHERE* below... and attach a copy of your certificate:

As a Middlebury Firefighter, you will be expected to attend all regular meetings, special meetings and work sessions unless excused by an officer, and abide by all rules and regulations stated in the by-laws of the Middlebury Fire Department. A copy of the by-laws can be issued upon request, and will be provided upon acceptance.

As an applicant to become a member of the Middlebury Fire Department, you will be required to have a physical exam (and annual physicals thereafter) which will be paid for by the Middlebury Fire Department.

By signing below, you confirm that you understand and agree to the conditions of this application process - and if accepted, you will abide by the rules and regulations of the Middlebury Fire Department.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

<u>OFFICE USE ONLY</u>	APPROVAL OF HOUSE COMMITTEE:
_____	DATE: _____
_____	DATE: _____
_____	DATE: _____
LIEUTENANT _____	DATE: _____
LIEUTENANT _____	DATE: _____
MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL BY CHIEF _____	DATE: _____

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APPLICANT / NEW MEMBER INFORMATION - **If attached to application, please remove and keep.**

Thank you for your interest in joining the Middlebury Fire Department!

- TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP: You are asked to obtain and completely fill out a Middlebury Fire Dept. (MFD) "Application for Membership". If one is not attached to this information sheet, an application can be mailed to you if necessary - call Mike Mayone of the MFD House Committee at 802-388-7401. For processing, you may hand-deliver the application to any MFD officer or mail the application to: **Mike Mayone, 8 Case St., Middlebury, VT 05753**
- Please indicate if you are applying for a position of Radio Dispatcher for *Station One* (downtown), or another position of specialized support. If you are interested in becoming a dispatcher or offering another form of specialized support, you will likely require a fraction of the training otherwise needed for firefighting.

If there is no indication on the application, we will assume you are interested in becoming a FIREFIGHTER.

- You must be comfortable with the fact that the Middlebury Fire Dept. requires a physical exam for each new member, as well as an annual exam for **all** members. This is for routine safety reasons and the cost is covered by the MFD. Good physical condition is a must for serious firefighting activity.
- You must be prepared to adhere to the Bylaws and Standard Operating Guidelines of the Middlebury Fire Department. A copy of these rules can be made available upon request (and is issued upon approval).
- If your application is accepted, you will serve your first year (approximately) on probation while completing the necessary training to move up to full membership. If the "Firefighter One" course isn't completed and passed within the first year, probation will usually be extended to allow time accordingly. During probation, you will be issued "turn-out gear" (fire coat, bunker pants, boots, helmet, gloves), which you will keep at the station, and a pager (fire radio receiver) to wear. Obeying all traffic laws, you are requested to respond to either Station 1 (downtown Middlebury) or Station 2 (East Middlebury) for all fire calls possible. Red (emergency response) light permits are **NOT** usually issued within the probationary period, but *may* be issued by a chief officer after 6 months, under special conditions. When boarding an apparatus (fire truck) to respond from the firehouse, please understand that in *some* situations you may be pulled off a truck order to make room for more qualified personnel. Orange stripes on your helmet will alert the officers present to restrict your participation in dangerous activities during your probation. At the scene, all members are required to report to the Staging Area for assignment. NOTE: you may train to drive fire apparatus but cannot become **certified** to operate apparatus unless you are at least 21 years old and your probation has been completed.

You will be required to attend all MFD monthly business meetings (the 2nd Wed. of each month at 6:30 PM), all departmental training meetings (the last Wed. of each month at 6:30 PM), and all special meetings and work sessions - unless excused by an officer. (During winter months, October through March, dinner is prepared by committees of members and enjoyed at the monthly meetings; a \$5 fee per member is collected.) Should conflicts with training time arise, "Firefighter One" will take **priority** over departmental training, meetings, etc.. During probation, the training requirements below must be observed.

- **Training Requirements:** You will be required to complete and pass the "Firefighter One" course if you have not already taken it (or an equivalent course) before. The course is not difficult – sufficient time is allowed for you to become proficient and confident before proceeding to the next stage. The course **is**, however, somewhat lengthy. It *must* be to give you the knowledge and skills necessary to become an effective firefighter, and carry out your duties as safely as possible. This course is REQUIRED by the MFD bylaws and is divided into two separate units, roughly *September through December* and *January through May or June*. There is ample open time during each unit to allow for hunting seasons, holidays and the like. You will meet once a week (usually Thursdays) in the evening, for about 3 hours each time, and an occasional Saturday. Total course time will be *roughly* 150 hours.

As mentioned earlier, there is also departmental training on the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM (when not in conflict with the "Firefighter One" course). This drill time will allow you to become better acquainted with your fellow members, equipment, and department tactics and policies. Some of the best knowledge is gained by simply asking questions and discussing techniques and tactics during training drills. Please understand, there are no "dumb" questions... all members are happy to answer questions and assist new members in becoming better firefighters.

We sincerely THANK YOU for your interest in joining the Middlebury Fire Department!