



Membership Application

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions that you need answered or need any clarification on the application please feel free to contact the following:

**Library VFC Membership Committee
412-835-7114**

Email: membership@libraryvfc.com

We are available to assist you as necessary in your application process.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

1. The application must be returned to the Membership Committee of the Fire Company along with \$3.00 dues for the first of the year membership.
2. Applicant must be interviewed by the Board of Directors at their monthly meeting, which is held at 7:00 P.M. on the **first** Tuesday of each month.
3. Following the interview, the Board of Directors will vote on the applicant. If the applicant is accepted for the membership, he/she will be voted on at the monthly meeting.
4. Applicant **must** be present at a Regular Meeting, which is held at 7:00 P.M. on the **second** Monday of each month, so that he/she can be Introduced and voted upon by the general membership of the Fire Company.
5. Within the next six months, the applicant must complete the following in order to be considered for full membership:

- A. **CRIMINAL HISTORY**
- B. **DRIVERS RECORD**
- C. **Fire Company Entry Level Physical**

All probationary firefighters shall complete a State Approved Essentials of Firefighting class prior to being accepted as an Active Member.

Note: The Criminal History and Driver information will be reimbursed to the applicant after becoming a full member.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, respectfully apply for membership in the Library Volunteer Fire Company. I further agree to abide by all By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Fire Company to the best of my ability.

DATE_____

NAME_____DATE OF BIRTH_____AGE_____

ADDRESS_____CITY_____

STATE_____ZIP_____

PHONE#_____

MARRIED____UNMARRIED_____

OCCUPATION_____

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FIRE COMPANY?

Type of member in which I would like to join as (check one please):

Active Non-Firefighter____

Firefighter____

Honorary

Non-Firefighter ____ Firefighter____

Applicant's Signature_____

PROBATIONARY MEMBER OBLIGATIONS

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS MAY:

1. VOICE AN OPINION AT A MEETING
2. ATTEND ALL FUNCTIONS OF THE FIRE COMPANY WITH THE PRESENCE OF A FULL MEMBER
3. SERVE, HAVE A VOICE, AND VOTE ON A COMMITTEE

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS MAY NOT:

1. VOTE ON AN ISSUE AT ANY REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING
2. ENTER OR REMAIN IN THE FIRE COMPANY BUILDING WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF A FULL MEMBER
3. DISPLAY ANY FIRE COMPANY INSIGNIAS SUCH AS UNIFORMS, VEHICLE PLATES, BADGES, ETC., WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

ARE YOU WILLING TO ACCEPT THESE REGULATIONS?

SIGNATURE/DATE _____

Library VFC

Pennsylvania State Law – Arson Non-Convention

Act 168 of 2006 amended Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Section 2, subsection (h) (1) Arson and related offenses reads:

“A person convicted of violating this section or any similar offense under Federal or State law shall be prohibited from serving as a firefighter in this Commonwealth and shall be prohibited from being certified as a firefighter under Section 4 of the Act of November 13, 1995 (P.L. 604, No.61), known as the State Fire Commissioner Act.”

All individuals making application for certification testing must provide documentation of a background check. Proof of a non-conviction MUST consist of either of the following:

1. An official criminal history record check obtained pursuant to Chapter 91 (relating to criminal history record information) indicating no arson convictions.

OR

2. By dating and signing of the following statement by the person swearing to the following:

“I have never been convicted of an offense that constitutes the crime of “arson and related offenses” under 18 Pa.C.S 3301 or any similar offense under any Federal or State law. I hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I knowingly make any false statement herein, I am subject to penalties prescribed by law, including, but not limited to, a fine of at least \$1,000.00”

3. If any of your educational, medical, criminal, employment, military, or scholastic records are under other than the above name, please provide other names.

I hereby certify that the answers and other information on this application are true and correct and that I understand any misrepresentation or omission of facts on my part will be justification for rejection or termination. I have read and understand the requirements of membership on this form and understand them.

Signature _____ Date _____

ACCEPTANCE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION This document is to be signed during the informal interview process!

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION In order to perform a background investigation on all applicants to the department. Applicants must sign the following statement:

I, _____ an applicant for the Library Volunteer Fire Company, hereby authorize the release of any information that the department may request concerning my medical, criminal, employment, military, or scholastic records. Any organization or individual presented with this authorization is asked to cooperate fully with the department’s investigation. I also understand that I may revoke this consent at any time except to the extent that any action has taken in reliance on it. All information obtained during this background investigation will be held in strictest confidence.

Signature _____ Date _____

Membership Officer _____ Date _____

_____ Printed Name of Certification Candidate

_____ Printed Name of Membership Officer

Library Volunteer Fire Company Agility Test

This test is given to all candidates for the position of volunteer Fire Fighter. These test stations are based on actual fire ground operations and are administered prior to coming off probation.

Station # 1: Ladder Climb

We ask the candidate to start from the ground of the Ladder and climb the 28 - foot ladder to the top. At the top, the candidate must touch the top rung, and then proceed back down the ladder. This test is to be completed in a continuous climb and decent without any stops or hesitations. This test measures mental endurance and lack of acrophobia (fear of heights).

Station # 2: Charged Hose Pull

The candidate must be able to pull two sections (100 ft.) of 1 ¾ inch of fire hose that's charged with water. The hose will be connected to the pumper and laying in a straight line at the start of the test. The candidate will grasp the nozzle and turn down the line of the hose, and drag the hose past the pumper with no stops. This test is designed to test general ability to perform a task repeated at every fire when advancing hose lines.

Station #3: Body Drag

Candidate must drag 100 lbs. of weight a distance of 50 feet. The first 25 feet while crawling and the second 25 feet while standing. This test is to be completed without stopping or dropping the weight. This test simulates the rescue of a victim from a building.

Station # 4: Dry Hose Hoist

The candidate must pull a dry section of 2 ½ inch fire hose from ground level to the top of the hose tower drying room, raising and lowering 4 times. The rolled section of hose will be attached to a rope. The section must be pulled to the top edge of the railing and then lowered back down in one continuous motion, hand over hand on the rope. No stops will be allowed. This test is designed to check the arm and back muscles and stamina of these muscles. This is an actual duplication of action necessary to raise equipment above ground level. The weight of the hose pack is approximately 50 lbs.

This test must be administered by the Chief and Assistant Chief

Chief Signature _____ Date _____

Assistant Chief Signature _____ Date _____

RELEASE

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned applicant, in consideration of the acceptance of the Library Volunteer Fire Company, the rights and privileges entitled to be enjoyed thereby and intending to be legally bound, hereby accept and assume the hazards to the activities and obligations as a member of said Library Volunteer Fire Company and do hereby exempt and release said Library Volunteer Fire Company from all claims for such injuries and/or damages, except to the extent that insurance coverage is provided for such injuries and/or sustained by the undersigned applicant as a volunteer member that this exemption and release is and shall be binding upon my respective heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ WITNESS: _____

We, the members of the Membership Committee, have investigated the above applicant and do recommend the following action:

____ ACCEPT FOR MEMBERSHIP ____ DO NOT ACCEPT FOR MEMBERSHIP
(SIGNED) _____ OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

DATE ACCEPTED FOR PROBATION _____

DATE VOTED ON _____ YES ____ NO

DATE MEMBERSHIP TERMINATED _____

DRIVERS RECORD _____

CRIMINAL HISTORY _____

REFERENCES:

Please provide five (5) references, including but not limited to other organizations you have belonged to, 3 professional or employment, and 2 personal references. These references **WILL** be investigated.

NAME	PHONE NO.	RELATIONSHIP
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____