

# *Station 71*

*Blades Vol. Fire Co*

*200 East 5<sup>th</sup> St*

*Blades, Dc 19973*

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**Proud of over 70 years of dedicated Service From Volunteers**

Application for Membership to The Blades Volunteer Fire Company, Inc

Position Applied For: Active\_\_\_\_ Junior\_\_\_\_ Associate\_\_\_\_ Assoc. Aux Member\_\_\_\_

Full Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_ - \_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor or Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years : \_\_\_\_\_

If current employment is less than 4 yrs, list previous employer information as above:

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List 2 Person References Not Related to You:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you known this person: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you known this person: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you now or have you ever been a member of another fire, rescue or ambulance

co.? \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ If you have been a member of another company please attach a letter of recommendation from the President or Chief of that Company. This may shorten your probation period to six months.

Do you have a criminal record in this state or in any other state or country? \_\_\_\_\_

If you answer yes list conviction dates, charges and state or country below.

Are you currently criminally charged or under criminal investigation? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you presently have any physical handicaps or limitations? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, describe in detail the handicaps or limitations from which you suffer \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently using any prescriptive drugs or medications? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please specify the prescription and what you are being treated for \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been treated by a physician or any other professional for a serious physical or mental illness within the past 5 years? \_

\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, list the type of illness, dates, doctors that you have seen and the results there of \_\_\_\_\_

You must have a current physical examination. You must submit to a physical examination and drug test provided by the Blades Volunteer Fire Company.

You must have a valid current driving record from D.M.V. on file with BVFC for our insurance purposes and to operate any company vehicles. You must sign the release form attached so we can obtain a copy of your driving record.

#### **Consents and Affirmation**

I agree, by the execution of this application, to be governed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Blades Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., as they now exist and as they may be amended from time to time.

By the execution of this application, the undersigned authorizes any designee of the board of BVFC or any designated member of the investigation committee of the BVFC or any designated agent thereof, to obtain any information relating to his or her personal history from individuals, schools, residential management agents, employers, criminal justice agencies, medical institutions, hospitals or other repositories of medical records. This information may include, but not limited to the undersigned's academic, residential, achievement, performance, attendance, personal history, disciplinary, criminal history record, arrest, conviction, medical, psychiatric, and psychological.

I declare that all the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that any false or misleading statements in this application will be sufficient cause for the rejection of my application or the subsequent termination of my membership. I release Blades Volunteer Fire Company Inc. or any agent thereof, from any liability in connection with his, her or their investigation of my background in connection with this application, and I further release any person, agency or entity from any liability with respect to the disclosure or reporting of my personal history, physical condition, criminal record, work history or any other information sought and obtained, the Blades Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian if under age of 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Company Member Signature as to the above person being the one that signed and submitted this application:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DELAWARE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION**  
**DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S CRIMINAL HISTORY AFFIDAVIT**

This affidavit must be completed by all applicants for membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department and attached to the application for membership. Applicants must complete one of the two statements below. An application is not considered complete and shall not be processed until the notarized affidavit is attached.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I have never been convicted of an offense that constitutes any of the crimes set forth in **16 Del. C. §6647** (*attached hereto*) or any similar offense under any federal, State, or local law. I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I knowingly make any false statement in this application, I am subject to penalties prescribed by law, including denial or revocation of membership in the volunteer fire department and a mandatory fine of at least \$1000 or a term of imprisonment of up to 2 years, or both.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature Date

I am unable to submit the above statement. My written explanation as to what is not true with regard to the above statement and why is set forth below:

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*[Attach additional pages if needed along with a certified copy of your criminal history record from the appropriate authorities]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_ (County)

\_\_\_\_\_ (State)

Before me personally appeared, \_\_\_\_\_, Applicant, of lawful age, to me known to be the identical person who signed this document of application and being by me first duly sworn, on oath state that all the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed or Typed Notary Public's Name

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TITLE 16**  
**Health and Safety**  
**Safety**

**CHAPTER 66. FIRE PREVENTION**

**Subchapter IV. Volunteer Firefighters [Effective Sept. 15, 2007]**

**§ 6646. Definitions [Effective Sept. 15, 2007]**

"Member" means a volunteer firefighter of a Delaware volunteer fire department, as certified by the Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission. (76 Del. Laws, c. 157, § 1.)

**§ 6647. Membership requirements for volunteer firefighters [Effective Sept. 15, 2007]**

(a) An applicant for membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department who has been convicted of or, had that applicant been charged as a juvenile, adjudicated delinquent of any of the following crimes is prohibited from serving as a firefighter in this State:

(1) A felony involving sexual misconduct where the victim's failure to affirmatively consent is an element of the crime, such as forcible rape;

(2) A felony involving the sexual or physical abuse of a child or of an elderly or infirm person, such as sexual misconduct with a child, sexual exploitation of a child, making or distributing child pornography, incest involving a child, or assault on an elderly or infirm person;

(3) A crime in which the victim is an out-of-hospital patient or a patient or resident of a healthcare facility, including abuse, neglect, or theft from or financial exploitation of a person entrusted to the care or protection of the applicant;

(4) Arson in the third, second, or first degree; reckless burning or exploding; cross or religious symbol burning; or any crime in which the applicant intentionally or recklessly started a fire or caused an explosion, or attempted or conspired to do so;

(5) A law of another state, territory, or jurisdiction which is the same or equivalent to the offenses described in paragraphs (a)(1) through (4) of this section.

(b) Membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department must be denied if the applicant has been convicted or, if that applicant was charged as a juvenile, has been adjudicated delinquent of any of the following crimes, except in extraordinary circumstances:

(1) Any crime for which the applicant is currently incarcerated, on work release, on probation, or on parole;

(2) Any crime in the following categories, unless at least 5 years have passed since the applicant's conviction or at least 5 years have passed since the applicant was released from custodial confinement, whichever occurs later:

a. A serious crime of violence against a person, such as assault with a dangerous weapon, aggravated assault, murder or attempted murder, manslaughter (other than involuntary manslaughter), kidnapping, or robbery of any degree;

b. A crime involving a controlled substance or designer drug, including unlawful possession or distribution of, or intent to unlawfully possess or distribute, a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act of Chapter 47 of this title;

c. A serious crime involving property, such as burglary, embezzlement, or insurance fraud;

d. Any crime involving sexual misconduct;

e. A crime of another state, territory, or jurisdiction which is the same or equivalent to the offenses described in paragraphs (b)(2)a. through d. of this section.

(3) In extraordinary circumstances, membership may be granted under subsection (b) of this section only if the applicant establishes by clear and convincing evidence that his or her membership will not jeopardize public health or safety.

(c) An applicant for membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or inaccurate criminal history information, or who otherwise knowingly violates a provision of this subchapter, is guilty of a class G felony. In addition to a term of imprisonment of up to 2 years, the court shall impose a fine of no less than \$1,000 which may not be suspended.

(d) The State Fire Prevention Commission shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this subchapter. The regulations must include, as

part of the application form for membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department, a dated and signed statement by the applicant swearing to or

affirming the following, if the following is true. If it is not true, the applicant must explain in writing what is not true and why it is not true.

"I have never been convicted of an offense that constitutes any of the crimes

set forth in 16 Del. C. § 6647 or any similar offense under any federal, state, or local law. I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I knowingly make any false statement in this application, I

am subject to penalties prescribed by law, including denial or revocation of



membership in the volunteer fire department and a mandatory fine of at least

\$1,000 or a term of imprisonment of up to 2 years, or both."

(e) An applicant for membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department who is denied membership or whose membership is revoked because of the requirements of this subchapter may appeal the denial or revocation to the State Fire Prevention Commission within 15 days of written notification of the denial or revocation by the volunteer fire department. An appeal under this subsection must be held in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 101 of Title 29, and is subject to judicial review under subchapter V of Chapter 101 of Title 29. (76 Del. Laws, c. 157, § 1; 70 Del. Laws, c. 186, § 1.)