

# *Lake Carmel Fire Department, Inc.*

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*100% Volunteer since 1945*

## **Application for Membership**

### **General Guidelines/Requirements:**

- Applicants must be over the age of eighteen (18) and under the age of fifty (50) on the day of acceptance.
- All applications are subject to review by our membership committee and the Kent Town Board.
- Applicants will be subject to Arson, DMV and Criminal background checks.
- Applicants joining for EMS only must be a current EMT or enrolled in an EMT class.
- All applicants must take an initial medical exam. Applicants will be directed to do so after they've been initially reviewed for approval. A Chief will contact you at the appropriate time with details.
- A copy of your NYS driver's license MUST accompany this application.
- New members must pay a \$15 application fee. This fee needs to be paid prior to the general meeting in which the member will be taking the oath of membership. The Chief will be collecting this fee.

**If you have any questions, please contact the Chief at**

**(845) 225-3730 Ext. 1711**

(Please retain this cover sheet for reference)



# LAKE CARMEL FIRE DEPARTMENT INC.

851 ROUTE 52, CARMEL, NY 10512-9953

## Membership Application

Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Personal Information:

First Name		MI	Last Name	
Street Address (PO box NOT Accepted)	City		State	Zip Code
Phone Number	Cell Number		E-Mail Address	
Social Security Number			Date of Birth	
NYS Drivers License Number			Date of Expiration	

### 2. Mailing Address (If different than legal Address)

Street Address (PO Box Accepted)	City	State	Zip
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### 3. Circle the appropriate answer to the right of each question:

Have you ever been dismissed or discharged from any employment for other reasons other than work or funds?	Yes	No
Have you ever resigned from any employment rather than face dismissal?	Yes	No
Have you ever been convicted of any crime (felony or misdemeanor)?	Yes	No
Have you ever forfeited bail bond posted to guarantee your appearance in court to answer to any criminal charge?	Yes	No
Are there any arrests or criminal accusations currently pending against you?	Yes	No
<p>If you answered to "YES" to any question(s) above, please use space below to give specifics. If you elect not to provide an explanation, you may be disqualified, or if such explanation is insufficient, you may be required to submit further information. Attach additional 8 ½ x 11 sheets if needed.</p>		

**5. Occupation- List current employment, followed by previous employers**

Name of Company	Years there	Reason for Leaving

**4. Education:**

High School	Yr. Graduated
College	Yr. Graduated
Type of Degree	Program
Other Educational Courses	

**6. Personal references- three (3) required**

Name	Address	Contact Number

**7. List any fire/EMS Training and/or certifications – dates of training & expiration**


**8. Membership in other organizations past or present- including Fire Departments/VAC**

Organization	Location	Years there	Contact Person

**9. Military Service**

Branch	Years of service	Type of Discharge
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**10. Emergency Contact Information**

Next of Kin	Contact number	Relationship
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**Other Hobbies or Skills:**


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I hereby apply for membership in Lake Carmel Fire Department Inc. I certify by my signature that the information provided is true and complete. I further agree to uphold the Bylaws and Standard Operating Guidelines of the organization and will abide by its rules. I agree to properly maintain any property entrusted to me and to return all fire department property in good condition promptly when directed to do so or upon my resignation/termination of membership.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsoring Member Signature  
(Optional)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# What to Expect As a Member

1. The Lake Carmel Fire Department, Inc. provides fire and ambulance service to the community, twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week (holidays included). The service is 100% volunteer. Over the past several years, we've averaged over 250 fire calls for help and over 550 EMS calls for help per year. We rely on a strong foundation of volunteer members to provide fire and ambulance service at any given time. We currently do not incorporate shifts for volunteers except for EMS service, Sunday through Thursday from 10pm to 5am. During your probationary period, you will be exposed to both our fire and EMS operation and have a choice to decide whether you want to help with either fire AND EMS operations or just one aspect (fire OR EMS) of our service to the community.
2. The probationary period is six (6) months long. During this time, you're expected to gain an understanding of our operations. You will not be allowed to be directly involved in any operation that can be dangerous to your health until properly trained, but you will be exposed to any operation during that period in which you're available to help. You will be used as secondary support.
3. At the end of your probationary period, you will have two (2) years to either complete the New York State Firefighter I program (86 hours) or the New York State Emergency Medical Technician program (140 hours). These training courses are offered (in county) at no cost to the member and are offered during times which allow for a typical work schedule.
4. Training doesn't stop after the state minimum requirements are met. We provide department level training throughout the year. We have a monthly training drill the second Thursday of every month starting at 7:30pm and individual unit training every Sunday from 10am to 12 pm. Members are required to meet the minimum requirements as set by the Chief of the department and the training committee.
5. There is a general meeting held the first Thursday of every month starting at 8pm. Members are expected to attend as information in regard to fire/EMS operations and general administrative operations is provided.
6. Any equipment needed to be a member will be provided for your protection at no charge to the member. Typical equipment issued to individual members includes, but is not limited to a full set of turnout gear (fire or EMS), a uniform and a pager with charger.
7. As volunteers, pagers are our primary means to be notified of an emergency call. Pagers are the size of a cell phone and are carried and charged just the same. After a call is received from Putnam County 911, an alert is sent out which is picked up by the pagers. At that point, if you're available and within a reasonable distance to respond, you're expected to help.
8. Duration of the calls vary depending on the type and size of the incident. Typical EMS calls average one and a half hours of your time from the time you are notified to the time you get back to quarters. Fire calls are not so typical. A minor event can take only a half hour to complete while a major incident can take several hours to complete.

*These are just some general topics of what to expect as a volunteer member of the Lake Carmel Fire Department. There are many other facets of being a volunteer that can be learned as you fulfill your time as a member. We consider ourselves family oriented and have functions to reflect that. Becoming a volunteer can be a rewarding experience. Now that you've taken the next step in getting this application, make some time to become a member and be a part of our family. It's an experience you will not regret!*

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