

*Henderson
Volunteer Fire
Department*



HENDERSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Each Henderson volunteer firefighter should know about their department, i.e. how to become a volunteer fire fighter, meetings and training, certification and memberships, etc.

How to become a member of the Henderson Volunteer Fire Department:

Come by Central Fire Station and fill out a volunteer application. All applications are placed in a file. When an opening occurs, each application is review by an executive committee of elected officials. This committee will present their recommended applicant to the remaining volunteer firefighters for voting upon. He or she is either voted in or not by a majority of the volunteers.

Meetings and Training sessions:

Meetings with training sessions are conducted on the first and third Monday of each month at Central Station Meeting Room.

How the pay schedule works:

Volunteers will receive \$6.00 for each meeting or training session.

Volunteers will receive \$9.00 for each fire which is put out with fire hose and water carried on the apparatus, if paged out.

Volunteers will receive \$9.00 for each false alarm, if paged out.

The volunteers will receive \$9.00 for each county call, if paged out or called by phone. If more are needed, they will be called in.

Volunteers will receive \$15.00 for each fire in the City which requires fire apparatus to hook up to a hydrant.

Certification and Membership

The Henderson (paid) and Volunteer Fire Departments are members of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshall's Association of Texas. This agency certifies volunteer firefighters who obtain the required number of training hours. Each volunteer will become a member of this association after one year of service, if not before. Types of certification through this agency include: Volunteer, Certifying Coordinator, Training Officer, Firefighter Fire Investigator, and Fire Inspector.

Insurance:

When volunteers are paged out, each becomes a city employee, thus are covered by the City of Henderson's insurance.

Workmen's Compensation Insurance:

Workman's Compensation is also available; however, at present it only pays about \$81.00 per week.

Retirement Program:

All volunteers belong to the Texas Local Fire Fighters Retirement System. This program is mandated by the Fire Fighters Pension Commission in Austin, Texas.

Standard Operating Procedures:

Each volunteer is furnished with a copy of the City of Henderson Standard Operating Procedure Manual for Paid Volunteer Fire Fighters and should become familiar with these procedures.

Driver's License:

All volunteers are required to hold a valid Texas driver's license.

Rookie Volunteer Participation on
Structure Fires both City and County

A rookie volunteer firefighter will have less than 73 hours of approved training. Volunteer firefighters having less than 73 hours of approved training will not be allowed to participate in structure fire operations at the suppressed level. These firefighters will be allowed to be used as support personnel only.

Firefighters with less than 73 hours of approved training will be issued an Orange helmet to signify their rookie status. When a volunteer firefighter completes the required 73 hours training, they will be issued a Black helmet and will be allowed to participate in all ground operations in relation to structure fires.