



The Thrill is Addictive!

Just as a meteorologist lives to chase the next storm, firefighters live for the next call. It doesn't matter if you're young or old, a new member or a vet, when the tones drop and the siren sounds, volunteers stop what they're doing and are out the door in a flash.

Yet this heart pounding adrenaline rush of the first alarm is nothing compared to how you'll feel when you execute the training you've learned to defeat the fire or rescue someone from a bad situation.

It's not easy. Some calls are very tough, both mentally and physically. Sometimes duty calls you to do things that you would have never thought you could do.

Our training programs are what turn common fear into heroic action. After the call is over the feeling you get, knowing that what you did what would cause some to faint with fright is truly indescribable.

Earn These Benefits by becoming a Certified Volunteer Firefighter!

Thanks to a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), WestCoFire member departments are able to support their members with the following exceptional benefits!

\$10,000 for College Tuition!

Student-Volunteers that hold or earn their Firefighter One or Two certificate during the grant period can apply for up to \$10,000 in Tuition Reimbursement. To qualify, firefighters must be currently enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning, pass all classes, provide proof of payment and agree to remain active with the WestCoFire member department for a minimum of five years following reimbursement. Contact a participating department for complete details!

Additional Benefits!

Free Physical Exam

Firefighter Training

Firefighter Turn Out Gear

Stipend Per Call Paid Annually

Life Insurance

Why Should You Serve Your Community?

Did you know that the volunteer fire department is an indispensable part of the emergency services to your home and college? If you already serve as a firefighter at home you can keep your skills sharp by joining a volunteer department where you attend college.

Even if you have no prior experience, contact us today to learn about becoming a volunteer firefighter.



Being a firefighter is a way to give back to your community and to become a leader in the process.

Being part of the fire department will also give you a feeling of friendship and family. When you join a volunteer fire department you're joining a team. You could be part of a really great team!

What Does a Volunteer Firefighter Do?

When the citizens of Westmoreland County need them most, the members of your local volunteer fire departments are there, providing services such as fire suppression, rescue operations, searches, emergency disaster management as well as planning, education about fire prevention, and emergency medical assistance.

**Join any participating WestCoFire
Volunteer Fire Department and train to
become a Firefighter!**

Important Notice:

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ANY OF THESE
BENEFITS THE MEMBER MUST BE AT LEAST
18 YEARS OF AGE.

For additional details, please review the
reimbursement forms.



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that Make the Difference!*



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**Or call your local fire department's
Non-emergency number.**