

# WHERE IS MY LOCAL FIRE COMPANY AND HOW CAN I JOIN?

The five fire companies that form the Abington Township Fire Department are:

### Station 100

Abington Fire Company  
1920 Horace Avenue  
Abington, PA  
215.572.0312

Weekly training night: Thursday



### Station 300

Weldon Fire Company  
412 North Easton Road  
Glenside, PA  
215.886.2373

Weekly training night: Thursday



### Station 500

Roslyn Fire Company  
1128 Bradfield Road  
Roslyn, PA  
215.885.4490

Weekly training night: Wednesday



### Station 200

McKinley Fire Company  
893 Jenkintown Road  
Elkins Park, PA  
215.572.6096

Weekly training night: Tuesday

### Station 400

Edge Hill Fire Company  
2843 Limekiln Pike  
North Hills, PA  
215.885.7178

Weekly training night: Monday

# ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT



**Yes!** I am interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter.

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

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

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

To speak to someone about becoming a member of one of the oldest and finest fire departments in Pennsylvania, clip and mail this form or drop it off in person at:

**Abington Township Fire Department**

1176 Old York Road  
Abington, PA 19001

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# Welcome to the Abington Township Fire Department



## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Abington Township Fire Department is to provide excellent fire and rescue services to our community by a dedicated team of volunteer firefighters.

## WHAT IS THE ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT?

The Abington Township Fire Department (ATFD) is made up of five fire companies all operating within Abington Township. These companies include Abington (Station 100), McKinley (Station 200), Weldon (Station 300), Edge Hill (Station 400), and Roslyn (Station 500). The ATFD serves to protect the citizens of Abington Township and surrounding communities.

## WHO ARE THE FIREFIGHTERS OF THE ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT?

The ATFD is an all volunteer force made up of Abington's own citizens and residents. These men and women selflessly donate their time and energy to help preserve and protect the lives and properties of this and surrounding townships. The opportunity to become a member of such an honorable and distinguished group of people is not given to everyone. Those who become members will serve with the most dedicated, courageous and caring members of our community.

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A FIREFIGHTER?

Serving your community as a volunteer firefighter is a privilege and an exciting challenge; an experience that will last a lifetime. As a firefighter you will receive excellent training in our local firefighting facility and will work to become a Nationally Certified Firefighter. The professional quality training provided will be convenient, challenging and exciting. You are joining an organization that is like no other. As a member of the Abington Township Fire Department, you will be expected to maintain and uphold the high levels of excellence and personal integrity required to be worthy of the honor and respect accorded to that select group of men and women known as firefighters.

*"We will strive to invigorate and fortify the spirit of volunteerism in the Abington Township Fire Department by allowing each of our five fire companies to maintain its individual identity that complements our organizational goal of continuous self improvement."*



## HOW WILL I BENEFIT FROM BECOMING A FIREFIGHTER?

Through your training as a firefighter in the ATFD, you will learn a great deal that can be incorporated into your everyday life. The techniques you will learn through your career as a firefighter include unique skills gained only through this service. These skills can be applied throughout a wide variety of careers and may improve not only your work performance but may also provide new opportunities you never considered. You will develop and sharpen abilities in such areas as:

- Decision making skills
- Administration and management of emergency operations
- Local government procedures and regulations
- Ability to follow and issue orders in a structured chain of command
- Teamwork
- Fire prevention and public education
- Leadership in a meaningful and challenging community service
- Personal development and the satisfaction of helping others

## HOW MUCH TIME IS REQUIRED OF A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER?

The key word in this question is volunteer. You are only asked to give as much time as you can. Most companies have a policy regarding attendance at company events, and you are required to meet this minimum to maintain your membership in good standing. There are many positions to be filled within the fire companies, whether you are an active firefighter, intend to help around the station, or serve as member of the administration. All of these tasks are equally important and all contribute to the safe and effective operation of each fire company. Most importantly, all positions are volunteer so you give what time you can.

## HOW OLD DO I HAVE TO BE?

In order to become a firefighter, you must be at least 16 years old. At this age you are considered a junior firefighter. Once you turn 18, you are considered a firefighter after completion of a Firefighter Level I Training Course. However, volunteers of any age are welcome to join as there are many positions within the fire companies.