

Is the New Canaan Fire Company interested in volunteer applications?

The New Canaan Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 is interested in and will accept volunteer applications throughout the year.

Please e-mail the Department and provide your name, your telephone number and a convenient time for someone to call you and discuss further the opportunity to volunteer:

E-mail: recruits@newcanaanfire.com Mail: P.O. Box 963 New Canaan, CT 06840

Eligibility

Any male or female between the ages of 18 and 55 Holds a valid Connecticut driver's license

Resides in New Canaan OR resides in Connecticut and lives within 5 miles of a New Canaan border

Why does the fire department need volunteers?

New Canaan is fortunate to have a "combination department" - a department that is comprised of both paid and volunteer fire fighters. This structure enables us to economically deliver high quality fire protection to all of those who live, work or travel through town. We rely heavily on volunteers, and it is vital that we have a sufficient pool of volunteers available to respond to our neighbors' calls for help.

What is the time commitment to volunteering?

Becoming a volunteer fire fighter requires a time commitment. After all, you play a vital role in protecting our community. Training sessions are usually scheduled twice a month. In addition, business meetings are held once a month.

Will I need to stay in the firehouse when I am on duty?

No, there is a staff of six paid fire fighters on duty in the firehouse 24 hours a day. Volunteers carry pagers and respond only when needed. This gives you the freedom to go about your regular activities.

Do I need any special training?

No training is required in order to sign up as a volunteer. When you join, you participate in training drills covering basic firefighting skills.. During the probationary period, you must complete the State of Connecticut Firefighter I course. After Firefighter I certification, training continues each month to keep skills current. An annual physical is also required.

What is the current Insurance Services Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC) class rating?

The Town of New Canaan has a ISO PPC CLASS 04/4Y rating.