



PETERSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in joining the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department. The department would not exist if not for people like you who are willing to step up and make a difference in people's lives and this community.

The Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department is actually two (2) different organizations: The **Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD)** and the **Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department Association**. When you join, you will be joining both. PVFD is the operational side of the department. This side provides the direction, oversight and policy for response to emergencies and provides skills training to the emergency responders. The Association is the social organization side which provides support for the members through incentives, outside training opportunities and fun social events. The Association also builds community support for the entire organization through public events that promote the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department as a whole.

The Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1911 and is currently comprised of 3 branches: Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Search and Rescue (SAR). We are dedicated to life safety and the protection of property.

Fire Branch

Pre-requisite: No prior knowledge, skill, or ability required.

Training Officer: Ryan Welde (rwelde@petersburgak.gov)

Training (Drill): Second, third, and fourth Thursdays of every month from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. Additional training may be available throughout the year and/or upon request.

Emergency Response: Carry a pager and respond if you are available.

EMS Branch

Pre-requisite: You must have a current Alaska Emergency Medical Services certification (i.e. Emergency Trauma Technician or Emergency Medical Technician) OR be enrolled in a class.

Training Officer: Josh Rathmann (jrathmann@petersburgak.gov)

Training (Drill): Second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. Additional training may be available throughout the year and/or upon request.

Emergency Response: We request you sign up for seven (7) shifts. Each shift is 12 hours long. Day shift is from 6:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. and Night shift is from 6:00 P.M. – 6:00 A.M. You are required to carry a pager and remain within 5 minutes of Station 1 while on shift.

SAR Branch

Pre-requisite: No prior knowledge, skill, or ability required.

Training Officer: Patrick Fowler (fowler.patrick@gmail.com)

Training (Drill): Second and fourth Tuesday of every month from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. Additional training may be available throughout the year and/or upon request.

Emergency Response: You will be notified via telephone and requested to respond if you are available.

In addition to the training offered, the Association and Department have meetings on the First Thursday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at Station 1. We ask that you attend the meetings. Dinner is provided at 6:00 P.M. (location to be determined) if you want to eat with the group.

We understand that life is busy (family, work, school, volunteering, etc) and your time is limited. Maybe your job requires you to be away from town frequently and/or for long periods of time. Maybe your boss will not allow you to leave work. Do not let your busy schedule deter you from becoming a volunteering with PVFD. We currently have members from all walks of life: fishermen, Forest Service employees, self-employed business owners, hospital employees, small business employees, retired persons, etc. We just ask that you participate when you can.

There are many benefits from joining the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department. You will become part of our family. You will be providing an amazing service to your community. You may be eligible for the many incentives offered by the Association and Borough.

Current Leadership:

Career Staff: Fire/EMS Director Sandy Dixon
Fire Marshal Ryan Welde
EMS Coordinator Josh Rathmann

Volunteer Chief Officers:

Fire Chief Jim Stolpe
Assistant Fire Chief David Berg
Assistant Fire Chief Mike Etcher

You will be contacted by a Department Officer following submission of your completed application, including background check.

Again, thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer with Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department.

Sincerely,



James D. Stolpe, Fire Chief

**Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department
Membership Application**

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____

Alaska Driver's License Number: _____ Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Do you have any physical conditions which limit the amount, type, or duration of strenuous physical work which you can perform? NO YES: If yes, please explain.

Fire Department Branch you are seeking membership in:

FIRE EMS SAR

List Prior Emergency Service Experience and Certifications:

Employer: _____

Business

P.O. Box

Phone

Occupation

Supervisor

NO YES; Have you ever been convicted of a violation of federal or state law, excluding minor traffic violations, with in the last 15 years.

NO YES; Have you been subject to an investigation or disciplinary action pertaining to drugs or medical practices.

***If you answered yes to either of the questions above explain on another sheet of paper and attach to this form.**

References: (At least one local reference and one professional reference)

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Why do you want to join the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department?

I certify that my answers upon this application form are true. I authorize investigation of all statements on this application. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of facts called for is cause for dismissal. I also agree to provide volunteer service to the community in the branches checked above for a period of not less than two years upon being accepting into membership or meeting the certification requirement in EMS. I also agree to follow the department's by-laws and policies.

Please attach a copy of a background check to this application. You will be reimbursed after one year of acceptable service for the cost of the background check.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Assigned Sponsor: _____

Chief's Signature acknowledging membership: _____ Date _____

Branch Captain's Signature certifying Trained: _____ Date _____

Chief's Signature certifying individual is trained and able to perform all functions for that Branch.

_____ Date _____