

How To Contact The AVFD

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Community Events

Since the early 1950's the AVFD has been renowned for the quality of its annual Father's Day Chicken BBQ. Ticket prices are \$10.00. Meals may be picked-up at the Ashford School from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

Another annual treat is the Fisherman's Breakfast served on whichever Saturday is the first day of fishing in April. Meals are served at the Ashford School.



Ashford Volunteer Fire Department



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General Information

The Ashford Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD) is the sole provider of fire protection, rescue and general emergency services in the town of Ashford. The AVFD participates in mutual aid agreements with a number of surrounding towns in Windham and Tolland counties for both fire suppression and emergency ambulance and medical services. The department is also on contract to provide primary emergency ambulance and medical services for the town of Eastford.

AVFD operates two fire stations, one on Route 89 in Warrentonville and one which is adjacent to the heavily developed area of Lake Chaffee. From its Warrentonville station, the department operates an ambulance. In recent years, the department has responded to more than 400 emergency medical and rescue calls annually.



Membership

Membership in the Ashford Volunteer Fire Department is open to all citizens of Ashford who are 16 years of age or older. Aside from probationary status as discussed in the next section, there are basically three classifications of membership.

Active Members are those who have passed a program of basic training approved by the Chief, have provided the Chief with a physical examination form, and have been active in departmental operation and training programs. After meeting additional training requirements, Active Members may also qualify to operate fire apparatus, serve as ambulance crew members, and function in other specialized roles.

Social Members are those wishing to participate in the social activities of the organization without having to take an active role in the department's emergency service activities, or operate fire department emergency equipment.

Honorary Members are those whose services to the fire department and the community have been identified as outstanding.

How to Join

Persons who meet membership requirements should fill out an AVFD application and bring it with them to the next regularly scheduled departmental meeting. Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Station 20 (Warrentonville). Meetings begin at 7:30pm.

Applications are automatically tabled for one month until the next regular meeting. During this month the applicant meets with the department's Membership Committee for a brief question and answer session. At the next regular meeting tabled applications are voted upon by the membership. Approved applicants immediately become probationary members for a period of not less than six months.

An Officer of the department is assigned to each new probationary member for the purpose of orienting them to departmental equipment and policy, and to help them develop a program of approved training which will qualify them for active membership status. During this period probationary members may respond to emergency calls, but they should participate only as instructed by the Officer who is in charge of the incident.