

Volunteer Firefighters Wanted

Harris County Emergency Services District No.48

Location: Katy, Texas

Service Opportunity: Volunteer Firefighter

Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48 ("HCESD No. 48" or "District") is seeking individuals to serve as Volunteer Firefighters. Volunteers are not required to have past firefighting experience.

HCESD No. 48 is a combination Fire and Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") district, providing service to residents of Harris County ESD No. 48 and Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 1 ("FBESD No. 1"). The District's service area is forty-five (45) square miles on the west side of Harris County, between the Cities of Houston and Katy, Texas. The population served is approximately 130,000 persons. In 2016, the District responded to 7,800 Fire and EMS incidents.

Types of Service:

The Volunteer Firefighter, when available, will be invited to sign-up for one to three (1-3) twelve (12) hour shifts per week to staff fire stations. The Volunteer Firefighter may be engaged in response to structure and vehicle fires, motor vehicle accident, public education programs, pre-incident building surveys, fire station and fire apparatus maintenance. When available, the Volunteer Firefighter may also volunteer to attend Public Relation events and other training opportunities.

Opportunities and Obligations of Services:

- Observe and follow safety rules and regulations, including wearing safety apparel and devices during the course and scope of service.
- Report for engagement on time and able to perform volunteer services.
- Observe and follow the District Policies and Standard Operating Guidelines ("SOGs").
- Attend accident scenes and support EMS personnel.
- Perform all services related to fire rescue, including connecting and carrying fire hoses, carrying and setting up ladders, directing water and chemicals on burning structures, vegetation, vehicles and other objects.
- Ventilate smoke from buildings and perform salvage operations.
- MUST maintain physical fitness to perform all aspects of volunteer service.
- Rescue trapped persons in vehicles, burning buildings and other places.
- Inspect equipment and supplies in order to ensure that all emergencies can be handled.
- Restock Supplies.
- Clean fire vehicles, equipment, and stations.
- Participate in on-duty training evolutions and special training evolutions.

- Assist with Fire Prevention and other customer service-based expectations as defined by HCESD No. 48.
- Report to work free from the effects of illegal drugs, or alcohol; report to work free from impairment due to prescription drugs.

Requirements to be eligible to Volunteer:

- Eighteen (18) years of age.
- Possess a valid Class C or greater Texas Driver's license with an acceptable driving record.
- Ability to follow verbal and written instructions.
- Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with fellow volunteers, District employees, other agencies, and the general public; serve as a team member.
- Serve under the general supervision of a District officer or officer-in-charge.
- Pass an entrance medical examination provided by the District.
- Pass a drug and/or alcohol test provided by the District.
- Pass a District physical ability test ("PAT").
- Shall be a non-smoker, non-tobacco user, and non-smoker of vapor devices.
- High school diploma or GED.

Additional Information:

- Volunteer Firefighters may receive a nominal fee for their volunteer efforts.
- Volunteer Firefighter will be covered by the District's Worker Compensation Insurance.
- Volunteer Firefighters may receive protective clothing provided by the District.
- Volunteer Firefighters may receive uniform pants and shirts provided by the District.

The decision to accept an applicant as a volunteer is subject to the approval of the Fire Chief and HCESD No. 48 Board of Commissioners. Volunteers are not obligated to provide volunteer services for any specified period of time. Volunteers or the District may end the relationship at any time for any reason.

How to Apply:

Application packets can be requested by sending an email to Chief Glen Trahan or Captain Vince Moreno at glen.trahan@hcesd48.org, vince.moreno@hcesd48.org, or in person at the HCESD No. 48 Administration Building, located at 21201 Morton Road, Katy, Texas 77449. The District provides one Volunteer Cadet training classes each year.