

Become a Member

Watertown Fire Department is always looking for dedicated firefighters to help serve our community and entire Fire District.

The Watertown Fire Department is made up of 30 paid-on-call firefighters. They respond to all types of emergency calls from Fires to Medicals, Hazardous Materials incidents, different types of Technical Rescue, Water Emergencies and any other situation that may arise when their pager goes off. They receive \$8.00 dollars per hour for every emergency call and training each member attends. In addition to the hourly pay, \$2100 dollars is set aside each year for a pension. A member must stay with the department for at least 10 years in order to be vested into a retirement plan, with the member collecting the full benefit if they serve the full 20 years on the department.

Our hiring process includes:

- A. Application to be filled out and a brief overview of the Fire Department with the Chief.
- B. A series of interviews with different members.
- C. A physical agility test
- D. A medical evaluation and physical with the department doctor.
- E. A series of background checks.
- F. And final council approval.

The Watertown Fire Department responds to about 270 calls per year on an average out of one Fire Station. Members are required to make a minimum of 30% of all paged calls, 50% of all Department Trainings, 100% of all Work Details, and 75% of all Business Meetings.

The Watertown Fire Department requires all members to be trained to the level of Firefighter 1&2, Hazmat Ops, and First Responder. The department pays for all training that each member attends.

Minimum requirements to become a member you must live in the Fire District or work a minimum 32 hours a week from an employer in the Fire District. And be at least 21 years old.

If you have any interest in becoming a member of the Watertown Fire Department, please give us a call at (952)955-1135 or send an email to watertownchief@ci.watertown.mn.us .