



Mayor's Monthly Newsletter

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The Jersey Village Fire Department Wants You!

Hello Neighbors, Residents and Friends

It is well established that one of the special aspects of life in Jersey Village are our amazing first responders. Their tireless efforts in our community are a key draw to the neighborhood and promote an atmosphere of safety and security. The Jersey Village Fire Department in particular, takes on these important tasks with a combination of paid professionals and dedicated neighborhood volunteers. Those committed Jersey Village resident volunteers are critical to the continued success of the department. My October newsletter is a "call to arms" for residents to come forward and become volunteer members of our proud Fire Department.

Becoming a volunteer fire fighter is a noble pursuit that harkens back to colonial America when Ben Franklin created the first volunteer fire department in Philadelphia in 1736. Since then, volunteering as a fire fighter has become a special and honorable way to serve in our communities. The JVFD is an active department that responds to emergencies related to fire, emergency medical, rescue, and hazardous material incidents. In addition, the JVFD has an active fire prevention program which provides public education to area day cares, private and public schools. The Department, housed in a 17000 square foot station, has a fleet consisting of three fire trucks, one rescue truck, two ambulances, one EMS first responder vehicle, two command vehicles, a fire inspector truck, a rescue boat, and a classic 1978 fire truck for events and parades.

Any person 18 years or older, who is out of high school, of good character, in good physical condition, and of sound mind may apply for membership in the Fire and/or EMS divisions of JVFD. Anyone 16 years or older, has finished their sophomore year of high school, has successfully completed Junior Members orientation, and has written permission from a parent or legal guardian may become a Junior Member. New volunteers are asked to give only 48 hours of time a month if possible. Volunteers for ambulance duty are asked to put in 12 hours per week. Volunteers are required to attend the business meetings and training sessions for their division. Citizens can gain experience, learn new skills, make new friends and serve their community as members of the JVFD with manageable and flexible time requirements.

It is exciting to see all the young families moving into Jersey Village. Many of them are looking to get involved in the community. The Jersey Village Fire Department is looking for the next generation of citizen firefighters. Who will answer the call to protect our neighbors' homes, family and the community? Who will carry on the tradition of our volunteer Fire Department and its legacy as a pillar of life in Jersey Village? Becoming a volunteer member of the Jersey Village Fire Department is a time honored tradition in our City. I sincerely encourage residents looking to get involved in the community to contact JVFD for more information.

All the Best,

Justin Ray

Mayor, Jersey Village, Texas