



### **What Else Does A Volunteer Firefighter Do?**

Our volunteer firefighters have more responsibilities than just putting out fires. As leaders of the community, it is their job to spread the word about fire safety and prevention.

Other events firefighters might attend include:

- Open House and school presentations during National Fire Prevention Week
- Fund-raising events
- PLFD safety camps
- Community events

### **Thank You For Your Interest**

Our city needs its volunteers to keep the citizens safe in the most cost effective manner possible. We appreciate any help you can offer in helping us towards our goal of making Prior Lake a safe and happy community.



## **Prior Lake Fire Department** *At a Glance*

**Founded:** 1929

**Members:** 40

**Fire Chief:** Doug Hartman

**Areas Served:** Prior Lake, Credit River Township, and Spring Lake Township

**Population Served:** about 40,000

**PAY:** Prior Lake firefighters are paid \$11 an hour on-call for fires and training.

**Average Number of Calls Per Day:** 1

**Doug Hartman,**  
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Fire Chief

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CITY OF PRIOR LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

# Could You Be a Volunteer Firefighter?



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## What Does a Volunteer Firefighter Do?

When the citizens of Prior Lake need them most, the 40 members of the Prior Lake Fire Department are there, providing services such as: emergency disaster management and planning, fire suppression, rescue operations and searches, education about fire prevention, and emergency medical assistance. All are done under the leadership of full time Fire Chief Doug Hartman. A member of the PLFD has the responsibility of keeping the citizens of Prior Lake safe.

## How Do I Become A Volunteer Firefighter?

A successful candidate must:

- Be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license
- Live in close proximity to a fire station
- Respond to a minimum of 35% of all calls
- Attend 75% of all training and maintenance meetings
- Pass a driver's license background check, physical agility and stress test, and a drug screen.

### Volunteers will be serving:

#### Fire Station No.1

16776 Fish Point Rd. SE  
Prior Lake, MN

#### Fire Station No. 2

3906 Station Place N.W.  
Prior Lake, MN



## Why Should I Become a Volunteer Firefighter?

There are many personal benefits to becoming a volunteer firefighter for your city.

As a firefighter, you would be paid on an on-call basis, meaning that for each response, you are paid. You would be paid \$11 per hour and you respond based on your availability. Additionally, volunteers receive a lump sum pension of \$130,000 after 20 years of service.

However, our volunteers are not in it for the money. Being a volunteer firefighter is a way to give back to your community and to become a leader within it. Becoming a firefighter is one of the noblest ways to serve and protect your community. You would be playing a key role in keeping the community and all of its citizens safe.

## How Do I Apply?

*It's easy, just follow these steps:*

Call City Hall at (952) 447-9800 for an application or go to [cityofpriorlake.com](http://cityofpriorlake.com). Applications are submitted to:

**Human Resources**  
**Prior Lake City Hall**  
**4646 Dakota St. SE**  
**Prior Lake, MN 55372**



Being a part of the fire department will also give you a feeling of camaraderie and friendship among your fellow volunteers. When you join the Prior Lake Fire Department, you are joining a team. This is a team that has to help and support one another, creating a different kind of friendship than any other in your life. Of all the 40 volunteers there, each is there for a similar purpose, to serve his or her community with distinction. You could be a part of this brave team.



FROM THE CITY OF PRIOR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT