



# MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The Huron East Fire Department is comprised of 70 Volunteer Firefighters, a Part Time Fire Prevention Officer and 1 Full Time Fire Chief. There are 3 stations within the municipality located in Brussels, Ethel and Seaforth. The Fire Chief's administration office is located at the Huron East Town Hall, 72 Main Street in Seaforth.

Each Station has a District Chief and Deputy District Chief as well as a number of Captains. Training is an essential part of being an effective firefighter and is required to meet legislative regulations. Regular practice nights are held, usually 2 times per month with the occasional specialty training session from time to time. In addition to emergency responses and training, firefighters also participate in public relations activities and fundraising events.

To be considered a candidate for a firefighter, applicants must live in close proximity to the station they are wishing to join. Firefighters are required to carry a pager and be on call and available to respond to incidents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The goal of the Huron East Fire Department is to provide fire protection services through a range of programs designated to protect the lives and property of the inhabitants from the adverse effects of fires, exposure to dangerous conditions created by man or nature, first to the municipality, second to those municipalities requiring assistance through authorized agreements.

Fire Protection Services provided by the Huron East Fire Department include:

- Fire Suppression
- Fire Prevention
- Fire Safety Education
- Rescue from motor vehicle collisions and industrial accidents
- Emergencies involving hazardous materials to an awareness level
- Search and Rescue
- And other emergencies deemed necessary by the Fire Chief, District Fire Chief or designated Officer

Being a firefighter requires a significant commitment from candidates.



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## **FIREFIGHTER JOB SKILLS:**

- Must be a team player, be able to take direction and follow the Chain of Command.
- Wears personal protective equipment as required for safety and follows all health and safety guidelines as required under the Occupational Health & Safety Act.
- Must not be claustrophobic and shall be able to work in confined spaces and use self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
- Capable of working from heights while standing on ladders and lifting heavy equipment.
- Lays and connects hose, directs water streams under the direction of the Company Officer.
- Searches for and rescues persons in danger and administers first aid as needed to the injured.
- Ventilates premises to release heat and smoke and conducts salvage operations to prevent property damage.
- Able to work in prolonged and demanding situations under adverse conditions.
- Ability to react quickly and remain calm under pressure and strain.
- Should be in relatively good physical condition to perform duties as required.
- Able to operate a variety of firefighting equipment and apparatus with a strong mechanical aptitude.
- Capable of handling critical incident stress and medical emergencies.
- Follow the Fire Department Operations Manual and Guidelines including the Department Rules and Regulations.
- Clean equipment, apparatus and equipment checks to ensure operational and ready for the next call.
- Attends regular practice and participates in all training activities.
- Report lost or damaged equipment to the District Chief.
- Hold a valid drivers licence and willing to obtain a class DZ licence (at own expense) if don't already have.