

If You're Tough Enough – If You're Smart Enough If You Care Enough to Volunteer ...

Some important facts about how Emergency Services are provided in Erie County and how to join our team:

- ✓ **Volunteers Provide the Fire Protection and/or Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Your Community** (Outside of the Cities of Buffalo and Lackawanna)
- ✓ There are 94 volunteer fire departments and 5 volunteer emergency squads and approximately 5,000+ volunteer fire fighters and EMS personnel in Erie County
- ✓ No previous emergency services experience or training is required
- ✓ Some fire companies offer limited forms of membership such as EMS Only, Fire Police Only, Fire Fighting Only, Rescue Only or Associate Membership – while others require that you participate in all emergency services
- ✓ Some fire companies offer a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) which rewards members for years of service
- ✓ Many fire companies offer a Firefighting Explorer Post program for youths age 14-18 and/or a mens/ladies auxiliary
- ✓ Many Volunteer Emergency Squads, Ambulance Corps and HazMat Teams do not have residency requirements
- ✓ Most fire departments offer FREE training, personal protection equipment, pagers, uniforms, and/or other department apparel
- ✓ **All Fire Companies & Emergency Squads in Erie County Need Additional Volunteers.**



VOLUNTEER TODAY. MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE.

**For More Information about Volunteering in Emergency Services:
Contact Your Local Volunteer Fire Department or Emergency Squad or
Erie County Fire Safety at 716/681-7111 – via e-mail at: fire@erie.gov – www.erie.gov**