



About The Orchard Park Fire Company:

The Orchard Park Fire Company is the busiest volunteer fire company in Erie County, responding to over 2,500 calls for service per year. We are trained and equipped to handle a multitude of situations including:

- Firefighting
- Rope Rescue
- Ice Water Rescue
- Advanced Vehicle Extrication
- Firefighter Assist Search Team / Rapid Intervention Team
- Paramedic Life Support (on call 24/7)

What are the requirements to apply?

- Any resident of the Town of Orchard Park 18 years or older is welcome to apply for membership. No previous emergency service experience is required.

What's the application process?

- Applications can be picked up from the Fire Station at 30 School Street, Orchard Park. Once your application is completed and turned in, it is usually a 2–3-month turnaround for review and voting on your acceptance into the Fire Company by the membership. Components of the application process include a meeting with the Fire Company Investigating Committee, an arson background check, completion of insurance paperwork, a physical, and review and signature of fire company/district policies and procedures. Contact opfirerecruiter@gmail.com or call 716-662-5774 for more information and to schedule a time to pick up your application.

What happens after I am accepted?

- You will start as a probationary firefighter and be assigned your initial equipment. Probationary firefighters are expected to complete their Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC), CPR/First Aid, and Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations (BEFO) classes within their first two years of membership. All training and equipment are provided and paid for through the fire company. Probationary firefighters are assigned a Field Training Officer (FTO) who will serve as their mentor and will participate in organized activities with other Probationary Firefighters and FTOs.

What are the annual requirements to remain in good standing?

- Members are expected to fulfill the following requirements annually to remain in good standing with the fire company and fire district:
 - Attend 10 drills annually. Drills are typically held on the first, second, and third Monday nights of each month from 1900 – 2130 hours, though drills at other times and days are offered throughout the year.
 - Attend 4 company meetings annually, these are held Tuesday evenings 2000 – 2100 hours.
 - Attend calls on a % based volume. For 2022, the call based requirements were:
 - Fire (Required: 43 out of 427)
 - EMS (Required: 55 out of 2171)