



To: All Fire Department Applicants
From: Fire Chief Dave Klomprens

I would like to sincerely thank you for your interest in the Alpine Township Fire Department. The firefighting tradition in Alpine has been a long and proud one. I would like to give you some brief information about our department that may help to answer some of your questions.

The Alpine Township Fire Department is manned by a highly trained staff of approximately 29 paid-on-call firefighters. We have three stations, the main station located at Alpine Church Ed. NW, Station 2 is located on 7 Mile just east of Fruit Ridge and Station 3 is on 9 Mile just east of Old Alpine Rd. Your address will determine which station that you would be assigned to. Applicants are put on the department as openings occur in each station area. It is hard to determine when an opening might come up in your station area, so we ask for your patience. An opening might occur tomorrow or two years from now, we can never be sure. All applications are kept on file at the fire department and reviewed as openings occur.

The department members meet for regular fire meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. The rescue members meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Approximately every 6th Sunday, a firefighter will be assigned "Sunday Duty". This is an afternoon spent checking their station equipment. You will receive pay for all meetings, trainings and fire runs that you attend.

The State of Michigan now mandates that all paid-on-call (volunteer) firefighters complete the Fire Fighter I & II training program within the first 2 years after joining a fire department. This program consists of approximately 220 hours of fire training, offered as both daytime and evening programs. These classes meet once or twice a week and usually go from late fall to early spring. You will receive all the necessary basic firefighting training that is needed to safely and properly function at a fire/rescue incident.

Once on the department, you will be placed on probation. During this time you will learn the Standard Operating Guidelines of the Alpine Township Fire Department. In addition, you will learn to operate the equipment and apparatus from all 3 stations. During your probationary period you will be prohibited from using emergency lights and sirens on your personal vehicle. All equipment and fire gear needed for firefighting is provided by the fire department at no cost to you.

We encourage you to fill out the attached application and turn it to our office in the near future. We also request a copy of your **Driver's License** to be included with the application. We will research your driving record and conduct a criminal background check prior to any interview. If you drop off your application during regular business hours (8am-5pm) we can make a copy of your Driver's License for you.

Again, my thanks for your interest in joining the Alpine Township Fire Department.