

How Can You Help Your Community

People often are so involved in their day to day activities that they don't realize how some very important services that they rely on function. The Town of Grand Rapids Fire Department is a volunteer fire department. The Department functions the way that the vast majority of the 765 fire departments in the State of Wisconsin do. The members of the Department are people that have fulltime jobs or are possibly retired. We all have responsibilities outside of the fire service, but we do find the time to help out our neighbors in their time of need.

The Town has operated the Department since 1959. The savings that this provides to the residents over the years is almost impossible to understand. By having people available to respond during an emergency that happens in the Town, we are able to keep the Town's portion of your tax bill at an unbelievably low cost for a town of our size.

With that said, we also need to have enough members to continue operating into the future. This opportunity is not limited to Town of Grand Rapids residents. If you live within a four (4) mile radius of our fire station, basically east of the river, you are welcome to apply.

The Department is currently looking for entry level firefighters as well as emergency medical responders, but you can do both. We have members that join the department to see if this is a potential career choice or members that just do it for the satisfaction of helping their neighbors in their time of need. No matter why you join the Department, it can become the most rewarding adventure that you will be part of.

Many times I have heard, "I didn't know how to join the department." The process is as easy as filling out a job application. Once that is done, we will meet with you to explain the requirements of the position to determine if it is something that you would like to be part of.

If you are interested in joining the Grand Rapids Volunteer Fire Department, you can pick up an application at the Municipal Building or call the Fire Station. You may also call me at (715) 424-1815 to arrange a meeting to discuss how you can help our fire department flourish in the future.

Don Bohn

Fire Chief