

Roanoke County Fire & Rescue

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Department is a combination system.

This means we have both career and
volunteer personnel providing fire and
rescue services for the citizens of
Roanoke County.

Our fire and rescue department
includes 13 stations strategically
located throughout the county. We
have 15 fire and rescue volunteer
organizations who serve out of the 13
stations.



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Fire & Rescue**

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www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/FireRescue
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information & complete an on-line interest
form.



*Make a Difference
Volunteer with us*

*Become a
Firefighter or EMT*



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FIRE & RESCUE
DEPARTMENT**

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*Volunteer Office
540-777-8706*

Volunteering

We currently have approximately 230 active volunteer personnel. Volunteers typically serve during the hours of 6 p.m. – 6 a.m. weekdays and 24 hours on weekends and holidays. Our Volunteers have 18 months from acceptance to become certified as a Emergency Medical Technician/Basic or Firefighter/Level 1. Volunteers meet ongoing training requirements in order to remain certified.

Our typical volunteer is at least 18 years of age. (Some of our organizations offer a junior program for 16 and 17 year olds, with parental permission.)

All volunteers complete an application process that includes a criminal history background screening, reference checks and a Department of Motor Vehicle check. Volunteers who are 21 may become certified to drive emergency vehicles if they have a suitable driving record.

We appreciate and honor our volunteers every chance we get. Roanoke County provides volunteers with workers compensation coverage, a free annual Roanoke County Vehicle License Fee Registration voucher, a Volunteer Incentive Program valued annually at up to \$500, free training, free gear, and various recognition events.

You can help your local Volunteer Organizations by participating in their fundraisers throughout the year. They host these fund-drives, barbecues, yard sales, etc. to assist them in paying for specialized equipment, supplies, and recognition events.

If you would like more information about how you can volunteer and make a difference in your community, please call Jennifer Conley Sexton at 777-8706.

Volunteer Benefits

Workers Compensation Coverage

Roanoke County covers each volunteer with a workers compensation policy. This means if a volunteer is injured while serving as a volunteer they may be eligible to receive compensation for injuries suffered and loss of wages.

County Vehicle License Registration Fee

Roanoke County Fire & Rescue provides each volunteer with a **\$20** Voucher towards their Vehicle License Registration Fee each year in April.

Roanoke County Fire Academy

The course is 5 months long and consists of Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, Hazardous Materials Operations, and May Day Firefighter Down. Students receive a t-shirt, books, classroom & practical instruction, a personal face mask, a Class B uniform, certifications and a special graduation ceremony. The entire academy is free for Roanoke County Fire Volunteers.

EMT Certification Compensation

Roanoke County Fire & Rescue will reimburse each Rescue Volunteer **\$50** for the EMT book expense and **\$25** for Virginia test fee upon successful completion of the Virginia EMT-Basic course (as funds are available).

Volunteer Incentive Program

Volunteers who meet minimum requirements can earn up to \$500 per calendar year. Last year the county presented over 260 checks to volunteer who met the guidelines.

Volunteer Locations

The following organizations are currently accepting applications for volunteers:

- ◇ **Vinton Fire Company**
- ◇ **Vinton First Aid Crew**
- ◇ **Cave Spring Fire Company**
- ◇ **Cave Spring Rescue Squad**
- ◇ **Catawba Fire Company**
- ◇ **Hollins Fire & Rescue Company**
- ◇ **Mount Pleasant Fire Company**
- ◇ **Bent Mountain Fire Company**
- ◇ **Bent Mountain Rescue Squad**
- ◇ **Fort Lewis Fire Company**
- ◇ **Masons Cove Fire Company**
- ◇ **Catawba/Masons Cove Rescue Squad**
- ◇ **Back Creek Fire Company**
- ◇ **Read Mountain Fire & Rescue Co**