

# *Bethel Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated*

38 South Street · Bethel, Connecticut 06801  
Routine and Business (203) 794-8521 · Fax (203) 794-8520

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All applications must submit with the following information attached: physical examination, initiation fee, any previous fire / ambulance service recommendation letters.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Residence in Bethel: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you available during working hours at attend calls: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last physical examination: \_\_\_\_\_

Physicians Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any physical disabilities in which could interfere with the performance of fire department activities? If yes, please describe

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Previous Fire / Amb. Service: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ - If yes, Number of years: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, state highest office held: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Previous Emergency Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

State Reason for wishing to become a member of this department: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you married: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO          Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a FELONY or CRIME?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, state particulars: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you had any medical training? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, state type: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State in which held: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

***I hereby state that all statements made in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Any false statements may disqualify me for membership.***

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Endorsed By: \_\_\_\_\_ (print and sign)

Note: This application must be endorsed by a member in good standing.

**FOR FIRE DEPT USE ONLY:**

Date of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Acceptance / Rejection: \_\_\_\_\_

Voting Results: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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## CONVICTION HISTORY INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

I hereby authorize release of any police record information in my name to the Bethel Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (MI) (maiden)

Drivers License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

State in which held: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***Bethel Fire Department  
Employment Background Investigation***

**Authorization For Release of Personal Information**

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I \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby authorize a review of and full disclosure of all records or any part thereof, concerning myself, by and to any duly authorized officer of the Bethel Fire Department, whether said records are of public, private, or confidential nature.

The intent of this authorization is to give my consent for full and complete disclosure of the records of educational institutions, financial or credit institutions, including credit reports and/or ratings; medical and psychiatric treatment and/or consultation, including hospitals, clinics, private practitioners and the U.S. Veteran's Administration; public utilities, employment and pre-employment records, including background reports, sufficiency ratings, complaints or grievances filed by or against me, and salary records, records of complaints, arrest, trial and/or conviction for alleged or actual violations of the law, including criminal and/or traffic records, records of complaints of a civil nature made by or against me, wheresoever located, and to include the records and recollection of attorneys-at-law or of other counsel, whether representing me or another person in any case in which I presently have or have had an interest. It is the intent of this authorization to provide full and free access to the background and history of my personal life, for the specific purpose of pursuing a background investigation, which may provide pertinent data for the Bethel Fire Department to consider in determining my suitability for employment by said Department. It is my specific intent to provide access to personal information, however personal or confidential it may appear to be, and the sources of information specifically enumerated above are not intended to deny access to any records not specifically mentioned herein. I hereby release such persons or entities from any liability arising from the supplying and use of such information.

I understand that any information obtained by the background investigation, which is developed directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, upon this release authorization will be considered in determining my suitability for employment. A photocopy of this release will be valid as an original hereof, even though the said photocopy does not contain an original writing of my signature.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN# \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Bethel Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

## Application Guidelines

Applications must be completed by the applicant and signed by a member of the department in good standing.

Anyone interested in becoming an active or administrative member must be at least 18 years of age. (If applicant is 16 or 17 years old, please see us about our cadet program).

An initiation fee of \$30<sup>00</sup> must accompany the application (this fee will cover one year of dues and the processing fees). This fee will be returned if the application is not approved.

Applicants must provide a copy of a physical examination from their physician dated within the previous six months of the date of application.

The applicant must be a current resident of the Town of Bethel. Special circumstances may be reviewed by the Board of Directors who shall make a recommendation to the Company. If you were ever or are currently a member of any other fire or ambulance company, a letter of recommendation from that service is required to be submitted.

Applications will be read at the next monthly meeting following the date on which they are complete and returned with the proper documents.

All applications will lay over an additional month after the first reading.

After the first reading, the applicant will be notified of the outcome. If approved at the first reading, the applicant will be required to meet with the review committee. After the interview, the committee will make its recommendations to the membership at its next monthly meeting. At that meeting the application will be voted on by the membership and the applicant will be notified of the results.

No application will be voted upon until the review committee has met with the applicant.

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## Requirements of Probationary Members

Probationary Members must meet the following:

Drills: One Drill per Month

Drills are held on the second, third, and fourth Monday of each month starting at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise notes. If for any reason you are unable to attend the drill it is your responsibility, as the member, to notify an officer of the company.

Meeting: One meeting per month

Monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month beginning at 8:00 pm.

Fund Drive Sunday:

This is our annual fund drive which is held on the first Sunday in May. This is a mandatory function and must be attended.

Committees:

House Committee: This is chosen by roster. The committee is responsible for general cleanup in the firehouse. Two hours per week is required for a period of one month. The committee is headed by an officer of the department.

Other Requirements:

Dues are \$2.00 per month. (If accepted your first year of dues will be paid for out of your application fee).

As a probationary member, you are expected to work at the annual family picnic and clambake.

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Items / Equipment issued by the company:

- (1) set of company by-laws
- (1) uniform to include: dress shirt / pants / jacket / belt / shoes / hat / gloves / badge
- (1) pager
- (1) firehouse key
- (1) set of turnout gear to include helmet, coat, boots, bunker pants, and gloves
  - (1) spanner wrench

- Social Events:

- Family Picnic: Held every year usually in July at the Bennett Property. It is for members and their immediate families. It is a way of thanking the families for their support of our members throughout the year.
- Children's Christmas Party: Held every year for the small children of our members. We have Santa, entertainment, gifts, and refreshments.
- Annual Dinner: Held every year in January. This is for members and their guest, and is a formal dinner dance.

We also have other events, dinners, etc throughout the year.

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Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_