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2018

OPEN HOUSE

COME AND VISIT YOUR FIRE HOUSE, IT WILL BE A FUN AND INFORMATIVE DAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

We would like to invite the public to the Henrietta Fire District Open House that will take place on Saturday October 13, 2018. The Open house will run from 12:00 PM until 3:00 PM at Station 4 (located at 850 Bailey Road). This event will help wrap up the National Fire Prevention Week, and give us an opportunity to showcase some of the services we provide to the residents of the Town of Henrietta. We will have things to do and see, for all ages.

October 13, 2018 • 12:00 - 3:00 PM
Station 4 • 850 Bailey Road

ACTIVITIES

- Fire Apparatus Tours
- Free Child Id's provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- Try our Extinguisher Trainer
- Have your picture taken at our free photo booth
- Spray Water from a Fire Hose at a target
- **1:00 PM** Vehicle Extrication Demonstration
- **2:00 PM** Live Fire and Sprinkler Demonstration
- Coloring Contest
- Free Balloons, Stickers, Fire Hats, Pencils and Educational Materials
- Free Cider and Donuts
- Free Ice Cream (Provided by Bruster's)
- Much Much More



Henrietta Fire District DISPATCH

Fall 2018

A Message from the Chief

by Mark Strzyznski



As the district enters our 50th year of service I would like to discuss where we have been and where we are going.

Past:
I'm told that in the mid-1960s the leadership of the Volunteer Fire Companies had the vision and knowledge

to recognize that Henrietta was going to grow rapidly. Because of the rapid growth, this leadership also recognized that fire protection needed to be under the umbrella of one government subdivision resulting in the formation of the Henrietta Fire District in July 1969. This formation brought the 3 independent Fire Companies into one government-controlled district.

Currently:

The Henrietta Fire District currently has 66 volunteer firefighters, 45 career firefighters/EMTs, 4 career public safety dispatchers and 3 additional full-time support staff responding out of 6 fire stations (3 District owned stations and 3 Volunteer Fire Company owned stations). We respond to over 4,600 calls a year. Henrietta Fire District has a career Chief, Assistant Chief, Safety Officer

A message from the Fire Commissioners

by Joe Martin

On behalf of myself and the Board of Fire Commissioners, I want to thank the residents who came out in support of our bond vote to replace our ladder truck.

Through social media some residents expressed concerns that they did not know about the vote. We are required by law to post a legal notice in our official newspaper (Henrietta Post) and also on our website which we did. In addition to the legal requirements we posted it on our reader boards at our headquarters on Bailey Road and at Station #5 on Pinnacle Road, as well as our Facebook

and Training Officer that typically work Monday-Friday but are available for immediate response 24/7. We have a minimum of 6 firefighters, 3 officers and a public safety dispatcher on duty at all times. We man two Engine companies and a Truck responding out of the Bailey Road and Pinnacle Road Stations. Our volunteer firefighters, which are a vital part of our response plan, respond to man our other stations and apparatus as needed. The volunteer firefighters also man their stations several times a week and during emergencies to provide immediate response.

This Career/Volunteer, or combination fire protection delivery model, allows for a quick response and allows additional availability of personnel during major incidents.

Future:
As our call volumes, housing developments and population density increase, it will be necessary to hire additional firefighters as well as increase our volunteer ranks to provide adequate response times. Our strategic plan shows vulnerability at the southwest end of our district. Response times to this end of the district can run up to 10 minutes, especially during heavy commute times and inclement weather, which demonstrates an inequity in services compared with the rest of the district. Our goal is to have our first unit on scene within 6 minutes at 90% of the incidents. We intend to make needed repairs and add living quarters to our Station 6 at Erie Station and

page. The Henrietta Highlights Facebook page shared it as well, with the use of this technology we are able to get the word out better than ever.

It also became very apparent the residents are not fully aware of the structure of the Henrietta Fire District. I encourage you to log onto our website www.henriettafire.com and read about your Fire District. We have some very good information available and you also have the ability to submit questions through our contact us tab. We also have a Facebook page that I would also ask you to like.

it will help keep you up to date on the happenings in the Henrietta Fire District. The Board of Fire Commissioners holds monthly meetings and they are open to the public, we encourage your attendance. We normally meet the second Tuesday of every month. Occasionally that is changed due to scheduling conflicts.

We are very proud to serve you the residents of Henrietta. You can be assured you have a dedicated group of volunteer and career firefighters serving your community.

Fire District Budget Hearing

Tuesday, October 16
5:30 pm
Henrietta Fire District Station 4
850 Bailey Road

Fire District Commission Election*

Tuesday, December 11
4:00-9:00 pm
Henrietta Fire District Station 4
850 Bailey Road
*All registered voters in the Henrietta Fire District are eligible to vote.

Henrietta Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners

Joe Martin (Chairman)
Bill Gilchrist
William Heist
Pili Mancini
Terry Owenshire
Secretary / Treasurer Barb Schaeffer
Counsel Louise Beale
Fire Chief Mark Strzyznski

Have Questions About Installing Your Car Seat?

Is the car seat in tight? Are the harness straps positioned properly?



When should my child use a booster seat?

We have the answers!!!

The Henrietta Fire District can teach you how to install your child's car seat!

Have questions or want to schedule an appointment Call 334-1234 and ask to speak with the on duty car seat technician.



Special Operations Update

Every year your District Firefighters face more and more challenges at incidents. Gone are the days of only responding to fires and alarms. Today's firefighters are faced with all different types of responses. One of the biggest challenges is in the area of Special Operations and Technical Rescue. These incidents involve the use of specialized equipment and training, such as vehicle extrication, rope rescue, water and ice rescue, off road situations, collapse rescue, as well as Hazardous Materials responses. These are situations that we face with some regularity in the district and surrounding areas. In the past year all of our career firefighters became certified Ice Rescue Technicians by New York State, this is to better serve the residents and visitors of the Town of Henrietta. The volunteer firefighters are due

the same training this fall and winter. Additionally, many firefighters have attended state training for water and flood rescue, rope rescue and collapse rescue this year. To supplement the training, the fire district has invested in the purchase of a John Deere UTV to access difficult areas of the district as well as provide services during winter storms, such as rescuing motorists from 390 and the Thruway during blizzards. The district has also purchased an inflatable boat with a motor to protect people on the Genesee River, which is our west border, as well as the multitude of ponds within the town. We are actively pursuing grants to replace vehicle rescue equipment that has reached it's end of life as well. As technology and target hazards change, we will adapt to provide you the services you deserve.



The Halloween Candy Giveaway

West Henrietta FD Members will be out Oct 31st, Halloween night for the 10th annual Halloween candy give away. Firefighters will be handing out candy to the trick or treaters in the following areas; Berkshire, Eagle Ridge South, Saltzer Heights, Fitzpatrick, and areas in between.

If you see the Fire Trucks please wait for them to stop. Please stay on the side of the road.

Remember the firefighters will come to you, your safety is very important to us.

Station 5

On August 1st, 2017 Engine 652 was reinstated and started responding again from the new fire station located at 230 Pinnacle Road. Engine 652 was temporarily relocated to Station 1 at 3129 East Henrietta Rd, while the new fire station was being built. The first day back was a busy one the crew responded to seven calls for service that day, the calls ranged from ems to a grill flare up.

The new Station 5 is home to Engine 652 which is staffed 24/7 365 days a year by 2 firefighters and an Officer. The fire house is also home to reserve Engine 663. Station 5 is in the North East corner of the Henrietta Fire District and responds to eastern half of Henrietta including the high call volume Jefferson Rd Corridor.

The previous station was built for one dispatcher and two apparatus. The new structure is more spacious and has a layout better suited for 24-hour shifts with increased manning. The building offers separate locker rooms for both male and female firefighters whereas the old station had staff lockers in the bunk room.

The new station is healthier for the firefighters as the design allows for turnout gear and the apparatus bays to be separate from the living area. A commercial washer and dryer are available for fire gear to be laundered immediately after a fire for removal of carcinogens from the fire. The modern HVAC system includes Energy Recovery Ventilators which removes stale air and replaces it with filtered fresh air. This is necessary because the building is more energy efficient. The new station also was completed under budget by over \$200,000.00

The residents that travel Pinnacle Rd may notice responding apparatus have a dedicated entrance to Pinnacle Rd. Moving the responding apparatus away from the busy intersection of Pinnacle and South Winton Rd is safer for both emergency responders and the public.

If residents are interested in scheduling a tour of Station 5 or any of our stations please call or email Lieutenant Mike Dinsmore 359-7191 or mdinsmore@henriettafire.com



Calls for Service



1997: 1,811 Calls for Service
2007: 4,098 Calls for Service
2017: 4,643 Calls for Service
2018: 3,113 Calls for Service
Year to Date



Henrietta Company 1 Turkey Party

Friday, November 9
The fun starts at 7:00pm
3129 East Henrietta Road

SEE YOU THERE!

Annual Genesee Valley Fire Department Turkey Party

Saturday, November 17
Starts at 7:00pm
Genesee Valley Fire Department
9 Riverview Drive (off River Meadow Drive)



In addition to over 40 turkeys being raffled off, there will be games, free food and refreshments and door prizes. Admission is free.

**LOOK.
LISTEN.
LEARN.**

Be aware.
Fire can happen anywhere.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 7-13, 2018
firepreventionweek.org





History

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the Henrietta Fire District, we would like to share with you what makes the Henrietta Fire District who we are. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook as we highlight and share some of the historic events for the District throughout the upcoming year!

Prior to the formation of the fire district, coordination of fire services were carried on through mutual assistance arraignments through the three volunteer companies and the town board, who also acted as the fire commissioners. However, because of increasing administrative responsibilities and the growth in the town, the need was apparent to divest the responsibility to a separate group. The Henrietta Fire District was organized as a separate political subdivision of Henrietta Town government, encompassing the entire town area. The first official meeting of the Henrietta Fire District was held on July 12th, 1969.

Henrietta Fire Company #1, is located on East Henrietta Rd near the corner of Lehigh Station Rd. This was the first of the three volunteer organizations and was founded on November 7th, 1907. This firehouse has gone through multiple renovations and

expansions to enhance capabilities and to be able to house larger fire apparatus, to what it is now. Two pieces of apparatus are housed here; a 2012 E-One engine and a Pierce rescue. The first Battalion Chief from Company 1 during the formation of the District was Robert Schwind. The current Battalion Chief, Ron Barber, runs the house now and has done so for the past 16 years. Fun fact: Early notification of alarms was done by striking huge steel rims in front of the firehouse as well as ringing near-by church bells! Notification of our alarms now come through our smart phones with a plethora of information and maps.

The West Henrietta Fire Department, the second volunteer company to form, started in 1926. They started in a small space within Meyers Garage which sat on the Old Cartwrights site. In 1929 they moved across the street into the brick schoolhouse, built in 1866, where they are still housed today. In the mid-thirties, fire hydrants were still uncommon in town. This necessitated the purchase of a used gasoline tanker to aid in bringing water to the scenes, sparking a trend among other area departments. Now with the town almost completely serviced by fire hydrants, the need for tanker trucks has since diminished. Station 2 now houses a 2012 E-One engine with 1,000 gallons of water, which is often utilized on the NYS



Thruway, which does not have any fire hydrants. Station 2 also houses the department's heavy rescue truck, which carries specialized rescue equipment. The Chief of the West Henrietta Fire Department, Harold Page, became the first Chief of the Henrietta Fire District when all three Companies merged in 1969. The first Battalion Chief under the district was Francis Byrne and the current Battalion Chief James Greene, has held the position for the past 18 yrs. The Genesee Valley Fire Department, was founded in 1940, and was the final organization to form, filling out the town wide response. Their first due area includes the Rochester Institute of Technology and its ever growing campus. Its station is situated on the banks of the Genesee River at 9 Riverview Dr. Their first firefighting vehicle was a 1932 Packard pumper. Company 3 now runs a 2010 E-One engine out of the station. To meet the ever changing dynamics of the district, members are currently designing a utility rescue vehicle to be housed there. The first Battalion Chief under the district was Jack Minges. The current Battalion Chief, Timothy Ochs, has led Company 3 for the past 16 yrs.

The first career employees of the fire district were hired to staff our dispatch/emergency communication center. Since then, more employees have been hired,



including full time firefighters and administrative staff to help with the ever increasing demand for emergency services in the Town. On February 13th, 1997 the 18 employees of the Henrietta Fire District formed the Henrietta Professional Firefighters and Dispatchers Association and became Local 3738 with the International Association of Fire Fighters. Since then, the career staff has grown to 49 full time employees including the administrative staff and Chief Officers. Our career firefighters and officers staff an engine out of Station 5 on Pinnacle Road with 2 firefighters and an officer, as well as an engine and aerial truck at Station 4 on Bailey Road with two firefighters and an officer on each of these pieces. A public safety dispatcher is always on duty at station 4 manning the communications center. There are 4 shifts with 10 firefighters and a dispatcher on each working 24 hour shifts at a time.

Henrietta Fire District to Purchase a New Ladder Truck

On July 31, 2018 the Henrietta Fire District held a public vote to approve an approximately 1.3-million-dollar bond for the replacement of our current ladder truck. Our ladder truck, known as Quint 640, is a specialized piece of firefighting equipment needed for fire protection in our community. The vote ultimately passed 95 to 13. This vote allows the fire district to replace our over eleven-year-old truck with a modern, state of the art, fire apparatus that will be utilized in our community for at least the next 10 years.

The National Fire Protection Association 1901 Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus defines and outlines in chapter 9 the requirements for aerial apparatus. Our ladder truck, commonly called a "quint", is actually a 100' aerial platform. Basically, our "quint" has a fire pump, fire hoses, water tank, ground ladders and an aerial device. This specialized piece of equipment also has a platform or "basket" attached to the end of the ladder. This platform allows firefighters to operate safely at heights, flow large quantities of water through master streams, and provides a safe place to initiate elevated rescues and remove potential fire victims. Our new quint will also carry special equipment such as vehicle extrication tools, water rescue equipment, and rope

rescue equipment.

Recently, our current quint has started to experience some expected and unexpected maintenance issues. Years of harsh northeast weather conditions combined with an increase in the fire district's work load have taken a toll on the vehicle. Road salt and mileage have worn on the trucks electrical, mechanical, and computer systems. While the current truck is operational, the time has come to replace the apparatus with one that is safer, modernized, and better capable of handling the needs of our growing community.

Quint 640 is housed at station 4, located at 850 Bailey Road. The truck is crewed 24-7, 365 days a year by an officer and two firefighters. The current Quint 640 has logged almost 80,000 miles and operated over 53,300 work hours. Last year, the truck responded to 634 requests for service. Many of these incidents were high profile fires with major property damage and potential for large loss of life.

The Henrietta Fire District established a Quint 640 truck replacement work group in the early spring of 2017. The intent of the work group was to find a suitable replacement for our aging truck while keeping costs, safety, productivity, and efficiency in mind.

The work group first assessed our fire district target hazards. These target hazards included multi story buildings, high occupant residences, senior housing, dormitories, manufacturing and research facilities, shopping centers, and other facilities where we would need to use our aerial apparatus. The committee considered how the future growth and development potential in our town would impact our operational needs. The work group spent countless hours researching various types and configurations of different aerial fire apparatus.

This research included:

- Talking with different fire apparatus vendors at trade shows
- Operating, comparing and testing different manufacturers apparatus
- Visiting, consulting and operating aerial apparatus from fire departments across Monroe County
- Participating in on-line fire apparatus replacement work group training
- Cross training with the Rochester Fire Department at target hazards in both our respective fire districts
- Visiting a fire apparatus manufacturing facility

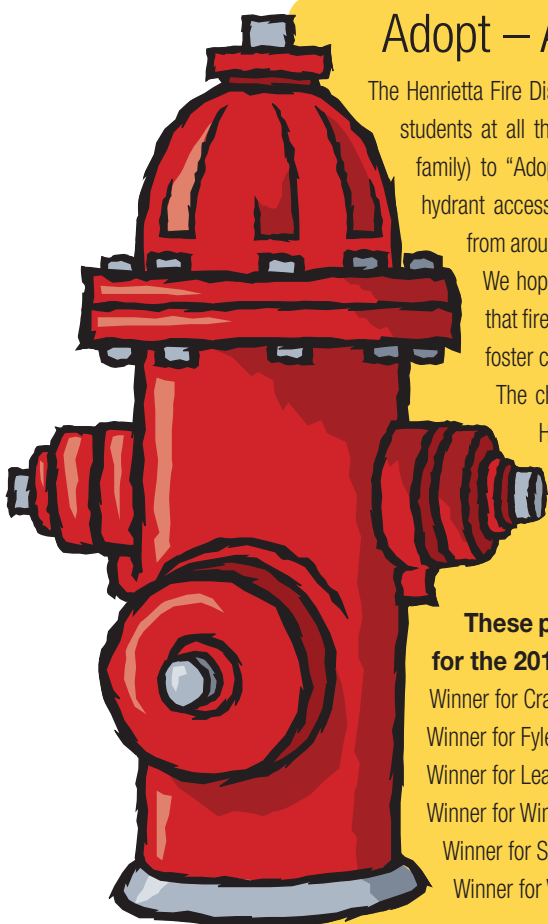


- Holding discussions on the training hours and requirements needed to operate various aerial apparatus

After the extensive research, the work group decided on a direction for a replacement apparatus and spent two months writing a truck specification.

The Quint 640 work group ultimately decided to replace our current apparatus with a new updated version of the same style truck we use today, custom built by Pierce Manufacturing.

Pierce Manufacturing, located in Appleton Wisconsin, is an ISO – 1900 certified facility and has a strong reputation for manufacturing quality fire apparatus. Our new Pierce Quantum 100' aerial platform hopefully will be operating in the Henrietta community near the end of 2019.



Adopt – A – Hydrant Program

The Henrietta Fire District offers the Adopt – A – Hydrant program to elementary students at all the Rush-Henrietta Elementary schools. We ask the child (or family) to "Adopt" a fire hydrant. The children are asked to keep the fire hydrant accessible for the fire department by cleaning weeds and debris from around the hydrant, and keeping it clear of snow in the winter time.

We hope this program will increase awareness of the important role that fire hydrants play in the protection of their homes and additionally foster civic participation in the children.

The children fill out an adoption form and return it to school. The Henrietta Fire District will then issue an "Adoption Certificate" with the child's name and Hydrant location on it. In addition to the certificate, one participating child from each school will be chosen for a special ride to school in a fire truck.

These pictures are of the winners of the ride to school for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

- Winner for Crane School, Ryder Weinman
- Winner for Fyle School, Sean Murray
- Winner for Leary School, Blake Goldberg
- Winner for Winslow School, Kailee Kwiecien
- Winner for Sherman School, Connor Camp
- Winner for Vollmer School, Karlie Craft



Ryder Weinman



Connor Camp



Blake Goldberg



Kailee Kwiecien



Karlie Craft



Sean Murray

Carbon Monoxide Safety



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

FACTS

- ! A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ! In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

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Escape Planning



Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

SAFETY TIPS

- » MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
 - » KNOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
 - » HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
 - » PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
 - » PRACTICE using different ways out.
 - » TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
 - » CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.
- IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...**
- » If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
 - » If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
 - » CALL the fire department from outside your home.

FACTS

- ! A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- ! According to an NFPA survey, only **one of every three** American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- ! While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **47%** of those have practiced it.
- ! **One-third** of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only **8%** said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!



Your Source for SAFETY Information
NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

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Is There a FIRE in You?

Do you have the Commitment, the dedication, the drive to do something great? Have you always wanted to do more for your community, but you didn't know how or where to start? Have you been longing to take on a new challenge and be a part of something big and impactful, where pride is the reward?

Join the Henrietta Fire District!

Get Involved

By joining the Henrietta Fire District, you are afforded the chance to truly make a difference in your community. This is your opportunity to get involved in something rewarding and meaningful. You'll find out what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter, to have the courage to act, the ability to perform.

Give Back

Giving back is answering the call when no one else will. It's providing the safety and reliability the community needs. It's the ultimate service to your community. You might think at first that you don't have the time — until you feel the honor of helping out your neighbors in a way that no one else can, when they truly need you. You'll realize nothing is more worth your time.

Train for Safety

Your first thought may be that you're not trained to fight fires and handle emergencies. But when you join the volunteer fire service,

you're trained to be safe. You'll receive continuing education on the most current technology and equipment as you go along to hone your first responder skills. You can rest assured you're making a huge difference in your community and doing so in the safest way possible thanks to the exceptional training provided to you.

Benefits

As a member of the volunteer fire service, not only do you get the satisfaction of helping others, but you get free training, tuition assistance and other great benefits. You become part of a new family, a brotherhood and sisterhood unlike any you've ever known.

Do it for the pride, the honor of it all, and most of all, do it for your community who needs you. You will find that it will be one of the best decisions of your life.

Find out if you have what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter. Take the first step. Volunteer at www.henriettafire.com.

Is there a FIRE in you?

NYS Volunteer Firefighter
Name: Jessie R.
Occupation: College student
Number of years as a volunteer: 2
Status: Wife
Nickname: "Smiley"

I always wanted to give back to my community but didn't know how. Joining my local department turned out to be one of the best decisions of my life.

Take the first step. Volunteer at www.HenriettaFire.com

Other potential benefits of becoming a volunteer firefighter include but are not limited to:

- Free training
- Retirement benefits
- Tax breaks
- Life insurance policies
- Being a team member
- Tuition assistance



If you have any questions or comments please contact us at the Henrietta Fire District
850 Bailey Road • West Henrietta, NY 14586 • 334-1234

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