



Town Of Burlington

Fire Department

32288 Bushnell Rd. Burlington, WI 53105

Dear Prospective Member,

I am pleased you are considering becoming a member of the Town of Burlington Fire Department. We are a volunteer, paid on call organization consisting of three stations and covering 35.9 square miles with a population of 6,435.

There are several positions in this organization, each with responsibilities and duties that must be met to remain a member in good standing. Our organization will become an extension of your immediate family. The new lifelong friendships you will make, team concepts, and the deep feeling of department pride is like no other.

As a volunteer, you must remember that the residents of the Town of Burlington and surrounding communities are relying on you and our department in times of crisis. Emergency calls do not occur at convenient times; therefore, you will be called upon at all times of the day and night to respond to them. Understanding most people have full time jobs and family commitments, volunteering might be a bit more demanding than you think.

The Town of Burlington Fire Department encourages you to discuss this decision to become a volunteer firefighter closely with family members. The commitment and time involved to become the best that you can for the community in their time of need comes with training and schooling commitments. We require, in the first two years, you complete the Firefighter 1 State Certification. Schooling costs are covered by the department. We also meet every Tuesday of the month at 18:00 hrs for meetings, training, truck checks, and other department functions.

People choose to join volunteer emergency services organizations for many different reasons. But foremost, you must have a strong desire to serve the local and surrounding communities. It is seldom convenient, and not always glamorous, but it is extremely rewarding to know in times of crisis that you and the Town of Burlington Fire Department can make a real difference in people's lives.

If you feel that this is a commitment you are whole heartily ready to fulfil and want to be part of a family with a great sense of pride, then myself and the membership of the Town of Burlington Fire Department are ready to help you reach this goal.

Please fill out the enclosed application and return it to us by mail or drop it off at the Town Hall located at 32288 Bushnell Rd., Burlington, WI 53105 to my attention. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the number or email address below.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William R. Vrchota".

Chief William R. Vrchota
Town of Burlington Fire Department
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Application for TOWN OF BURLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Notice: This application must be typewritten or clearly printed in ink. All questions must be answered, if applicable. If not applicable, indicate this by writing N/A. Applications that are not complete and/or legible may not be considered. If the space provided is not enough for complete answers, or you wish to provide additional information, please attach the information on a separate sheet of paper. The information requested in this application is needed for occupation qualification and additional legally permissible factors.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Are you over the age of 18? _____ YES _____ NO

Telephone Number: Cell _____
Residence _____
Work _____

Email Address: _____

Statement on your general health condition and any physical limitation

Residence

Beginning with your current residence, list ALL of your past residences during the last three years

	From	To	Address	City, State
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____



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Education

Did you graduate from High School or obtained GED? _____ YES _____ NO

Name of High School _____

Please list any other education (Name of school, area studied, graduated/not graduated)

List any awards, publications, or accomplishments

References

Please list the name and telephone number of three (3) business/work references who are not related to you. If not applicable, list three (3) school or personal references who are not related to you

	Name	Address	Phone Number	Years Known
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Court Record

Have you ever been convicted of any violation, including traffic, but not parking tickets? Yes/No

If Yes, list all such matters below. Such convictions may be relevant if job related, but do not prohibit you from employment.

	Date	Location	Charge	Final Disposition	Details
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____



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Employment

Starting with your most current employer, including military experience, list all your employment for the last 10 years. If you were in school or unemployed for a period of time indicate so.

	Employer	Address	Phone Number	Position	From/To	Reason for Leaving
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Experience

WI Firefighter 1 certification or greater is preferred, but not required. This will be provided by the department if needed.

Have you ever been a member of another Fire/EMS department? _____ YES _____ NO
If yes, complete the following information:

	Name of Department	From/To	Reason For Leaving
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____



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Signature

It is understood and agreed upon that any misrepresentation by me in this application will be sufficient cause for rejection of this application and/or termination from the Town of Burlington Fire Department if I have been employed. Furthermore, I understand that just as I am free to resign at any time, the Town of Burlington Fire Department reserves the right to terminate my service. I understand that no representative of the Town of Burlington Fire Department has the authority to make any assurances to the contrary.

I give the Town of Burlington Fire Department permission to investigate all references and to secure additional information about me, if job related. I hereby release from liability the Town of Burlington Fire Department and its representatives for seeking such information and all other persons, corporations or organizations for furnishing such information.

The Town of Burlington Fire Department is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Town of Burlington Fire Department does not discriminate in employment and no question on this application is used for the purpose limiting or excusing any applicant's consideration for employment prohibited by local, state, or federal law.

This application is valid for a period of 60 days from the time of completion. At the conclusion of the 60 day period, if I have not heard from the department and still wish to be considered for employment, it will be necessary to fill out a new application.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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A Brief History of The Town of Burlington Fire Department

The Town of Burlington Fire Department was first organized in the early 1950's. There were two groups of township residents that started fire protection efforts for the township. First, in 1952 a group of men from Cedar Park organized the Cedar Park Fire Department. They raised funds to purchase a used 1936 fire engine and built a fire station at Cedar Park. In late 1952, the Town of Burlington formed what was to become the Town of Burlington Fire Department with the purchase of an engine and a tender that was housed at the Town Hall.

Through 1953 and 1954, the Town Fire Department was considering expanding to the Bohner's Lake area to avoid being cut off by the train tracks for calls on the South and East side of the township. The two fire departments, Cedar Park and Town of Burlington, decided during joint meetings to merge into one area department to be known as the Town of Burlington Fire Department in the fall of 1954. With the construction of a station in Bohner's Lake, the town now had three stations; Town Hall Co. #1, Bohner's Lake Co. #2, and Cedar Park Co. #3

Originally, the department was structured to operate under a Chief of Department, with an Assistant Chief, Captain, and two Lieutenants coming from each of the three companies. A maximum department membership was established at 25 members per company with a waiting list for other people interested in joining.

Currently the department has a Chief of Department, Deputy Chief, two Assistant Chiefs, a Captain and a Lieutenant from each of the 3 companies, and a Safety Officer as its officer core. The fire department is currently under the leadership of its 10th chief, Chief William Vrchota (2018). The fire department also has auxiliary members which aid the department in administrative, fundraising, and support roles.

Town of Burlington Fire Department members were involved in the creation of the Racine County Arson Task Force and still have a presence in its mission. The many of our members are also part of the Racine County Dive Team, either as Divers or Line Tenders.

The Town of Burlington Fire Department also participates in MABAS Division 102. Mutual aid from area departments, both given and received, has become an integral part of our mission to provide fire/rescue services to the citizens of the Town of Burlington.

The Town of Burlington Fire Department receives EMS services from the City of Burlington Fire Department, but had been previously covered by the Burlington Area Rescue Squad, which was a private EMS service funded by the area Rotary club, that served both the City and Town of Burlington until 2020 when it disbanded.

The Town of Burlington Fire Department currently operates out of 3 Stations. All 3 are still in their respective neighborhoods, Town Hall Co. #1, Bohner's Lake Co. #2 (rebuilt in 2016), and Cedar Park Co. #3 (rebuilt in 2010). We currently run 3 Engines, 1 Tender, 1 Squad, 2 Brush Trucks, 1 Command Car, 1 ATV, and 2 Boats.

We're excited you're interested in becoming part of the tradition!