



ST. MARY'S COUNTY FIRE, RESCUE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM

St. Mary's County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services has partnered with the St. Mary's County Board of Education and Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI) to provide Fire and Emergency Medical Service (E.M.S.) training to juniors and seniors in high school. This one-year program provides the opportunity for students to earn Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician (E.M.T.) state and national certifications.

The Fire and E.M.S. Cadet Program includes classroom instruction as well as practical training.

Students have the opportunity to complete Firefighter 1, Vehicle Machinery and Extrication, Hazardous Materials Operations, Firefighter 2, Rescue Technician Site Operations, and Emergency Medical Technician courses.

The Fire and E.M.S. Cadet Program training is provided by instructors from MFRI. Students participate in the program during school hours. Students must be a member of a volunteer fire department or rescue squad to participate in the program.

**For more information, interested students are encouraged to contact the St. Mary's County Recruitment and Retention Coordinator:
301-475-4200 x*2114
fireemsrecruitment@st.marysmd.com**

For additional information or an application, please visit one of the following sites:

Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department Co.1
www.lvfd1.org

Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Co.19
www.lvrs.org

Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Co.2
www.mvfd.com

Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad Co.29
www.co29.org

Bay District Volunteer Fire Department Co.3/9
www.bdvfd.org

Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Co.39/38
www.lpvrs.org

Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Co.4
www.ridgevfd.org

Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad Co.49
www.ridgevrs.org

Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Co.5
www.sdvfd5.com

Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad Co.59
www.sdvrs59.com

Second District Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Co.6 – www.sdvfdrs.org

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Co.7
www.hvfd7.com

Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad Co.79
www.hvrs.org

St. Mary's County Advance Life Support SMALS
www.smcals.org

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St. Mary's County Emergency Services



St. Mary's County Volunteer Fire and Emergency Medical Services



Membership Opportunities

Various membership opportunities are available at each fire department and rescue squad. Examples of the various membership opportunities are listed below:

Active Membership: This membership is available for those who are 18 years old or older. These volunteers respond to emergency calls to assist our community members in need. Volunteers are certified as Firefighters, EMTs and/or Paramedics.

Junior Membership: This membership is for 16 and 17 year olds. Junior members are eligible to participate in training courses to earn certifications and to respond to emergency calls.

Cadet Membership: This membership is available to volunteers 13-15 years of age. They receive training and participate in drills, fire prevention, fund raising and public outreach activities.

Auxiliary or Associate Membership: If responding to emergency calls is not for you, then Auxiliary or Associate membership is the place to be. Members can be as young as 11 years of age in some organizations. These members support the Fire / EMS organizations through many different activities and functions.

Members attending high school must maintain at least a "C" average (2.0 GPA) to maintain their fire department or rescue squad membership.



INCENTIVES FOR BECOMING A VOLUNTEER:

- Free Training and Certifications
- Maryland Income Tax Deduction*
- College Scholarship Programs*
- Length of Service Award Program*
- Lifetime Friendships
- Contributing to the Community
- Helping Others in a Time of Need
- Flexible Schedules
- Community Service Credit Hours for Students

**Minimum requirements must be met. See a Membership Committee Member for full details.*



St. Mary's County Fire and Emergency Medical Services are 100% volunteer with six fire departments, six rescue squads and one combination fire department and rescue squad. In addition, there is one advanced life support unit in St. Mary's County.

Through mutual aid agreements, volunteers also respond to surrounding counties and the Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

Volunteers are skilled, trained to current standards and dedicated to protect our citizens and property.

We are military personnel, engineers, retirees, doctors, nurses, office personnel, technicians, babysitters, lawyers, construction workers, social workers, retail associates, students, etc. We are your neighbors and we care about you but we need your help!

New volunteers are always needed at each fire department and rescue squad.

The need for volunteers is ever increasing due to the county's population growth.

All organizations require Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training and an orientation (pre-basic) course to get started. All training is provided at no cost to the volunteer to become a Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or Paramedic.

Training is provided by instructors from the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI) through the University of Maryland. College credits can be earned by successfully completing many of the courses offered