



# What It Means To Be A Cleveland Firefighter

Every year fire destroys thousands of lives and property worth millions of dollars. Firefighters help protect the public against this danger. During duty hours firefighters must be prepared to respond to a fire or handle any emergency that arises. Because firefighting is dangerous and complicated, it requires organization and teamwork. At every alarm, firefighters perform specific duties assigned by their company officer. They may drive emergency apparatus, connect hose lines to hydrants, position ladders for rescue and ventilation, attack the fire with a hose-line, conduct search and rescue operations and save lives and property.

Life in the fire service does not consist solely of responding to fires. Today's firefighters are not only involved in firefighting, but may also find themselves providing pre-hospital medical care, conducting code enforcement inspections in regard to fire regulations, dispatching and maintaining emergency equipment, emergency preparedness and homeland security planning, or conducting community education and public relations. Between alarms, activities in the fire station include, training sessions, practical hands-on evolutions, pre-fire planning, conducting house watch duties, physical fitness training, eating and sleeping. Since firefighters work so closely together, often under conditions of stress and danger, they forge strong relationships with each other and work well as a team to protect the citizens of Cleveland.

*Trust*  
*Loyalty*  
*Integrity*  
*Compassion*  
*Selfless Service*  
*Commitment*  
*Dedication*  
*Respect*  
*Responsiveness*  
*Accountability*  
*Decisiveness*  
*Responsibility*

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