



# SHELBY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*"I don't have any experience, can I still join and help"*

YES!!! Most of our volunteers come to the Fire department with no experience or training. In fact, we will pay all tuition and fees associated with classes you attend. We also supply all the necessary protective equipment and gear.

*"How much training is required to be a firefighter or 1st responder"*

Minimum required training to be a firefighter is a 60 hour entry level firefighter class, however, most members attend several more classes to become certified to the firefighter 1 and 2 level. The requirement to be a 1st responder is an 80 hour class and successful completion of the national registry exam.

*"I don't really want to be a firefighter but I am interested in being a 1st responder. Can I still join?"*

Yes! There is no requirement to do both fire and EMS. The majority of our calls (approximately 75% in 2020) are medical in nature.

*"How often do you train?"*

We have drill / training twice a month, the first and third Mondays, plus we offer additional training opportunities throughout the year. Our trainings cover medical care, firefighting skills, ice rescue, vehicle extrication, ropes rescue, emergency vehicle operations, as well as numerous other topics.

*"Since Shelby is a volunteer department I assume you don't get paid."*

Actually, we pay a modest stipend per call we respond to plus a stipend for trainings and classes taken. The Township and Fire Department also contribute to a State of Wisconsin volunteer firefighters retirement fund.

