

What if you had a fire and no one came?

Seeing your home, your possessions—everything you've worked for—go up in smoke is a heart-wrenching, tragic experience. What's even more tragic is when a fire burns out of control simply because there aren't enough trained men and women to fight it. Protect your family, your possessions and your community by training to become a volunteer firefighter.



How can I learn more?

Make a difference in someone's life and in your community by becoming a volunteer firefighter. For more information, contact your local City Hall or city official and ask for the contact number of the Fire Chief:

Ackley	641-847-6975
Alden	515-859-3344
Blairsburg	515-325-6244
Bradford	641-456-2952
Buckeye	515-855-4335
Coulter.....	641-866-6920
Dows	515-852-4327
Eldora.....	641-939-2393
Geneva.....	641-458-8119
Hampton.....	641-456-4853
Hubbard	641-864-3187
Iowa Falls.....	641-648-2527
Latimer	641-579-6452
New Providence	641-497-5251
Radcliffe	515-899-2118
Steamboat Rock.....	641-868-2240
Union	641-486-2302
Whitten	641-486-5493
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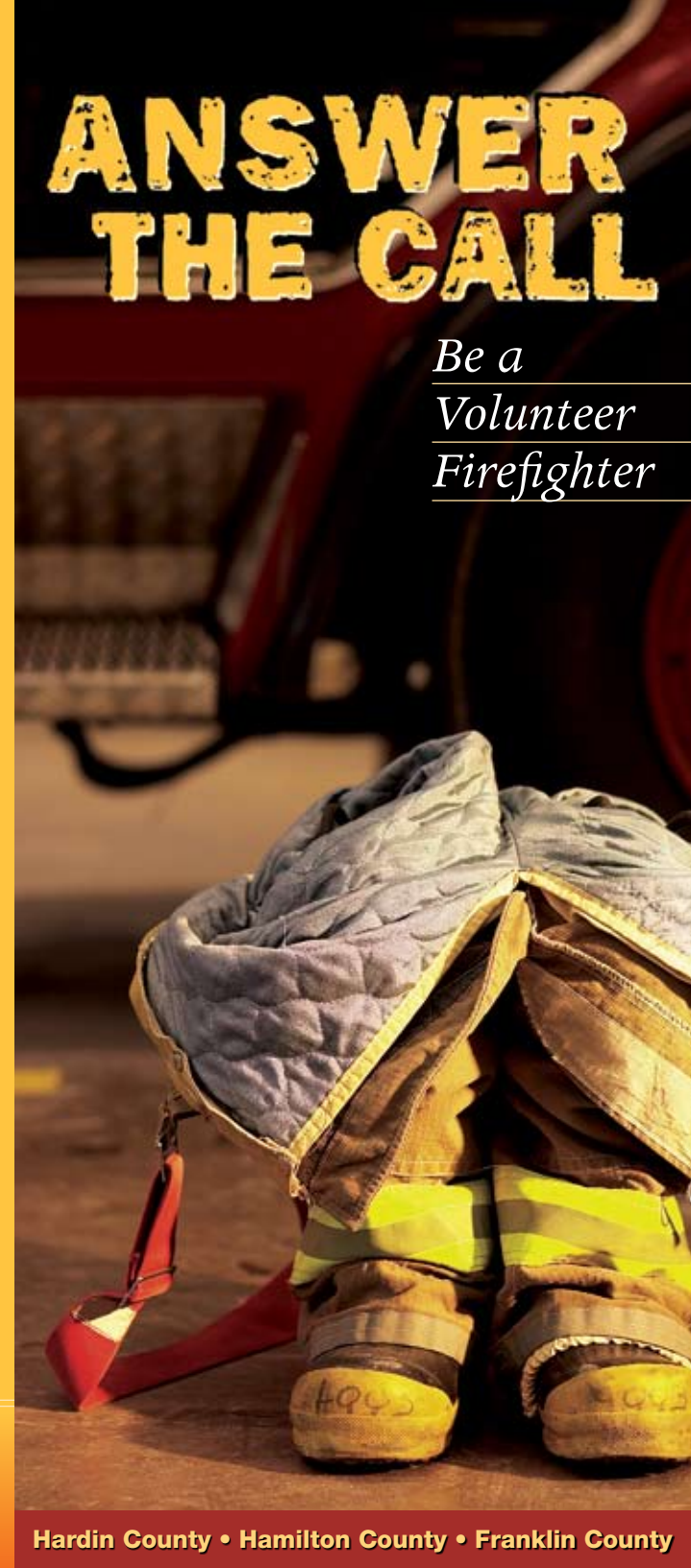
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What is a Volunteer Firefighter?



Volunteer firefighters are men and women just like you who are committed to protecting the lives and property of people in Hardin, Hamilton and Franklin counties. As valuable members of the tri-county emergency response team, volunteer firefighters:

- Help prevent and suppress grass, structural and vehicle fires
- Rescue people and sustain life in life-threatening situations
- Offer services during traffic collisions and other emergencies
- Help maintain the fire station and fire equipment

Volunteers are on call to help whenever a need arises. Not every volunteer will be able to respond to every call, so it's important that we have enough signed up to cover every emergency. Training opportunities vary from 2 to 6 hours each month.

What are the benefits of being a Volunteer Firefighter?

Being a volunteer firefighter is the ultimate in giving – of yourself, to others and to your community. By joining our team, you'll be among the select few who can say "I saved a life" and "What I did today really mattered." There's no greater benefit than that.

As a volunteer, you'll form strong bonds as you work alongside people with similar interests and goals— people just like you who are committed to keeping family, friends and neighbors safe from harm. You'll also serve as a role model to others, especially children, by talking about fire prevention at area schools and community meetings.

Who can become a Volunteer Firefighter?

Men and women from the age of 18 years and up who have a valid driver's license can train to become a volunteer firefighter. Successful candidates are:

- Dependable and courageous
- In good physical shape
- Committed to community service
- Able to follow written and oral instructions
- Able to perform heavy physical labor
- Able to work in situations where heat and/or stress are intense
- Able to respond quickly and calmly during an emergency

What kind of training is involved?

Fighting fires and saving lives is a big job. To get you up to speed, you'll receive hands-on and classroom training and study the following topics:

- Fire-fighting techniques
- Fire prevention
- Hazardous materials control
- Local building codes
- Emergency medical procedures, including first aid and CPR



You'll also learn to use tools of the trade such as axes, chain saws, fire extinguishers, ladders, and other fire-fighting and rescue equipment.

Since you'll often be the first person on the scene of an accident, you'll also train to become certified as a First Responder (FR). In this role, you'll provide basic emergency medical care at the scene and while transporting patients to the hospital. This training usually takes 14 hours.

How are volunteers chosen?

To become a volunteer firefighter, you need to apply at your local fire department. You will be interviewed by the fire chief, in consideration for the available position(s).