



*Everyone benefits when you volunteer!
As a member you can:*

- Apply your current skills, abilities, and talents and acquire new ones
- Meet new people and make new friends
- Feel the satisfaction of helping others
- Make a difference in your community
- Get FREE firefighting and/or emergency medical training
- Take a personal property tax discount
- Get a FREE county vehicle decal
- Have Dept. of Motor Vehicles fire department license plates (at no extra cost from regular fees)
- Get vaccinations for Influenza and Hepatitis-B
- Participate in preferred pricing programs (discounts from some vendors)
- Get FREE parks and recreation passes
- Have accident & health insurance (while on duty)
- Have life insurance (Albemarle County covers all members on duty)
- Get meals (included while on duty)
- Get Federal and State tax deductions (based on charitable donations values)



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with excellence since 1976"*



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About Us

Seminole Trail Volunteer Fire Department was formed in November 1976, and began running emergency calls on November 8, 1977. In the first full year serving the community, STVFD ran 165 calls. By 2004, that number rose to approximately 2500, making it one of the busiest volunteer fire departments in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

What We Do

The Seminole Trail Volunteer Fire Department provides emergency medical and fire services to the community of and visitors to the North 29 corridor in Albemarle County. There are over 800 businesses and 10,000 residences in our immediate area of response.

Our membership is a family of volunteers drawn from different areas of the country, diverse backgrounds and ages, who train and work together to provide that care to our community.

“It’s usually the excitement of emergency service that draws people to Fire/Rescue, and it can be very exciting. But it’s the camaraderie and caring family atmosphere that most people identify as being the best part of belonging to Seminole Trail.”

-Doug Smythers, Fire Chief

Did You Know...

The busiest and most populated area of Albemarle County is protected by VOLUNTEERS? At Seminole Trail Volunteer Fire Department we take pride in a commitment to excellence. We encourage community members to visit the department and see firsthand the services we provide. We invite you to join our team and help us continue to provide top-notch fire protection and medical services to our community.

With continuing growth in our response area, our call volume is increasing. This means we will need more people in the coming years. We have both fire-fighting and nonfirefighting personnel. Some members run only emergency medical calls; others help with administrative duties, handle our website and maintain our computers, or capture photographs on emergency scenes. We welcome all skills and can work with your schedule.



“As a college student, Seminole Trail is a great fit for my schedule, since I can volunteer at night. What better way to get away from the drudgery of studying than riding on a fire engine once a week?”

-David Knoll, Firefighter



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Why You Should Join

Seminole Trail Volunteer Fire Department offers many opportunities for you to better yourself.

Not only are you gaining valuable life and work experience, it is an outstanding social outlet.

As a member of Seminole Trail Volunteer Fire Department, you will become part of a family, be able to connect with the community and build relationships that could help you in the future.

If you are looking for an exciting and challenging way to serve the community, we are the place for you. If you have what it takes (and reading this is a major step in the right direction) WE WANT YOU to join our team and help us achieve our mission. Stop by or give us a call!

“I joined the fire service because I thought it would be a good way to help my community and work with a lot of fun and hard-working people. Little did I know it would become one of the most exciting and most rewarding experiences of my life.”

-Robert Knight, Firefighter

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