



Hose Company Number 4, Inc.

210 E. Rock St. Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Membership Application Packet

Hose Company Number 4, Inc.

Saving Lives and Property since 1890



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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Hose Company Number 4, Inc. We have been serving the citizens of Harrisonburg and areas of Rockingham County since 1890. Our membership is comprised of 100% volunteers. We provide fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to our community.

Hose Company Number 4 operates out of two fire stations: Station 4 is located on Rock St in the City of Harrisonburg and Station 41 is located on Port Republic Rd in Rockingham County. Between the two stations we respond to approximately 2,000 emergency incidents annually utilizing ten pieces of apparatus.

Hose Company Number 4 utilizes a duty crew program to ensure emergency calls are answered quickly and efficiently. Duty crew hours are 6 pm – 6 am Monday – Friday, 24 hours Saturday and Sunday. Active members make up the duty crew during these times. Rockingham County Fire and Rescue provides two career personnel per station 24 hours a day to respond the first apparatus.

Hose Company Number 4 is seeking motivated individuals who want to make a difference in the community in which they live and work. As a volunteer, you will learn valuable skills, develop lasting friendships, and enjoy self-satisfaction, all while helping your friends and neighbors. You don't need previous experience or training; we will provide your training free-of-charge. If you don't prefer to answer emergency calls, there are many non-operational opportunities for you to help.

Funding to operate our company comes from the community. Financial stability is attributed to successful fundraising. All members must participate in annual fund raising events.



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Applicant Responsibilities

- Submit completed application (on page 4) with \$5 fee. Deposit in HC4 mailbox located at Station 4 or mail to:
Hose Company Number 4
Attn: Financial Secretary
210 E. Rock St.
Harrisonburg, VA 22802
- Submit 3 completed reference forms (pages 5-13). References can mail the form to address listed above, Attention 1st Vice President.

What Happens Next ...?

- After all 3 items (application, fee, and references) are received the membership committee will review your application. Applicants that are recommended by the membership committee for probationary membership will be contacted for an interview.
- Applicant will be interviewed.
- Applicant will be required to attend the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting to be introduced to the company and to take the company oath.
- Applicant begins their 90-day probationary period.

Applicant Responsibilities Once Accepted.....

- Complete criminal background forms and submit, in person, to Rockingham County Fire and Rescue 20 E. Gay St. Harrisonburg.
- Complete the New Member Training Packet within the 90-day probationary period. Members cannot complete the packet any sooner than 2 weeks from date of issuance. Signature(s) from approved person(s) required.
- Submit completed New Member Training Packet to Lieutenant 40 to be issued firefighter gear. **Member can now start going on emergency calls.**

- Be visible to membership. Run calls, sign-up for duty crews, participate in company functions, etc.
- Participate in monthly training.
- Participate in company fund raising events.
- Attend monthly meetings, held the first Monday of every month at 7:30 pm.
- Locate and register for Fire/EMS certification courses. Virginia Firefighter 1 and Emergency Medical Technician Basic are the entry-level courses for those interested in fully participating at emergency scenes. **Encouraged but not required during 90-day probationary period.
- Become knowledgeable of and adhere to the rules, regulations, procedures, and by-laws of the company.

Final Step to Becoming a Permanent Member...

After the 90-day probationary period is complete the members present at that month's regularly scheduled meeting will vote to determine permanent membership. Probationary members are successfully voted in for permanent membership based on, among other things, their visibility: running calls, participating in the duty crew program, and participating in company functions.

Permanent Members...

Members are responsible for paying annual dues (\$5) to remain a member in good standing. A member that has been issued company owned gear must remain active or the gear must be returned.

Hose Company Number 4 looks forward to providing you with a venue to develop and maintain lasting skills, knowledge, and friendships. Members are the heart of our department and we look forward to helping you have a successful fire service experience.

At any time during this process you have a question or concern please don't hesitate to contact the 1st Vice President or a Chief Officer for assistance. The phone number to reach Station 4 is (540) 434-7681.



Application for Membership

Hose Company Number 4, Inc.
 210 East Rock Street
 Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Full Name (Print):	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone (Home):	Phone (Cell):
Date of Birth:	Social Security # - -
Email Address:	

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes" explain:
List any current or previous affiliations with emergency services organizations:

List any experience, qualifications, and/or certifications relevant to the fire service:

Summarize why you would like to become a volunteer with Hose Company 4:

Current Employer:	
Address:	
Position:	Years Employed:

I am applying for membership in the following category: <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (Special permission form required)
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Agreement and Signature	
By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts contained herein are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a member, any false statements, omissions or other misrepresentations made by me may result in my immediate dismissal.	
Signature:	Date:
Application Fee Received: (Financial Secretary Initials)	Date Received By Company: / /

Hose Company No. 4 Inc. Membership References

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Contact Information	
Applicant's Name	
Your Name	
Preferred contact number	
E-Mail Address	

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II. Acquaintance with Applicant:

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Is your acquaintance business, personal or both?

How frequently do you have contact with him or her?

Do you know other persons that are acquainted with the Applicant?

III. Please rate the Applicant on the following scale(circle the number that you feel is appropriate), or indicate no opinion

Trustworthiness:

Entrusted with keys to residence, to use of vehicle, to keep children, etc.	(high)....(avg.)....(low)	Uncomfortable leaving valuables around him or her	
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7		No opinion

Reliability:

Can be counted on to timely keep all appointments, finish tasks on schedule	(high)....(avg.)....(low)	Unable to count on him or her to keep appointments or finish tasks	
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Interpersonal Skills:

At ease with most people regardless of sex, age, race nationality, etc.; able to communicate with ease	(high)....(avg.)....(low)	Uncomfortable around all but a few people	
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Ability to maintain confidential information:

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Ability to remain calm under stress:

Thrives under stress; able to act when others panic; aides in resolving problems	(high)....(avg.)....(low)	Gets excited easily; appears very emotional; does not function well under stress	
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Ability to receive constructive criticism:

Continually seeks to improve; invites suggestions; admits mistakes without shifting blame	(high)....(avg.)....(low)	Has never been wrong; any mistakes attributed to others; gets agitated and hostile	
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IV. List the applicant's primary strengths

V. List the applicant's primary weakness:

VI. Additional Comments and Contact Information:

Please use the following space for additional comments you feel pertinent. (For example, special abilities, alcohol or drug abuse concerns, psychological instability concerns, incidents of violence or aggression toward coworkers, supervisors, domestic abuse, etc.)

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