



Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Department
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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for considering membership in the **Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Department**. Below you will find a list detailing the process that you will need to follow in order to become a member.

In order for your application to be processed quickly and efficiently, please complete all materials in blue or black ink. The application may also be completed and printed electronically (available on our website: bqvolunteers.org). Answer all questions completely to the best of your ability, and indicate any that do not apply to you by marking "N/A". **Please type or write legibly. Incomplete or partial application packets may not be accepted.**

If you have any questions regarding the commitment/self-preparedness required to be a successful member of Bowleys Quarters VFD, contact the Recruitment and Retention committee (phone number below) prior to submitting your application. Please allow 30 days for processing. Prospective members are typically interviewed within the last two weeks of the month. We will contact you by phone to schedule this interview. Applications received less than two weeks before the end of the month will be deferred to the following month.

Please be sure to include all of the following:

1. A complete and legible membership application.
2. A check or money order in the amount of \$48.50 (this is an application processing fee)¹.
3. The attached release form, giving us permission to run a criminal background check.
As an emergency service organization, we are generally not able to consider applicants with significant criminal history. Failure to disclose criminal history in an application is grounds for a recommendation of rejection by the Recruitment and Retention Committee.
4. If you possess a driver's license, a CERTIFIED copy of your Driver Record is required. These are available from the MVA office of the state of issuance. Please be sure to obtain a CERTIFIED copy (as opposed to an uncertified copy). Please be sure the Driving Record reflects your current address.
5. A photo copy of your driver's license (if applicable) or a photo copy of a state or school ID.
6. Copies of any Fire or EMS-related certifications that you currently have.

A drug screening is also required prior to membership approval. Details will be provided at the applicant's interview. Upon receipt of the completed application and materials listed above, you will be contacted by the Recruitment and Retention Committee to schedule an interview. After your interview and a favorable result on your drug screening and background check, the Recruitment and Retention Committee will make a recommendation to the General Body of Bowleys Quarters VFD. The company will then vote on your application at the regular business meeting, which is typically held the second Wednesday of each month. Prospective members are not allowed to attend the meeting in which their application will be voted on. If your application is approved by the General Body of the company, you will begin a 6-month period as a probationary member of the company. Again, details of this probationary period, as well as expectations will be discussed at your interview. If you have any questions regarding the application material or procedure please contact BQVFD Recruitment and Retention Chair, Paul J Cusic at 410 887-5771.

Thank you again for considering the Bowleys Quarters VFD. We look forward to working with you in service to the community of Bowleys Quarters and Vicinity, and the citizens of Baltimore County.

Sincerest Thanks,
Bowleys Quarters VFD Recruitment and Retention Committee

¹ Fee is subject to change based on cost of drug test.

BOWLELYS QUARTERS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE

Application for Membership

Active

Associate

Instructions – Please print all answers carefully and truthfully in either black or blue ink. You may attach additional sheets of paper if necessary in order to provide more complete information.

Personal Information

Date of Application: _____

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Current Street Address: _____

County _____ State _____ Zip _____

How long at current address: _____ (If less than 2 years, give previous address.)

Previous Street Address: _____

County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Are you a U.S. Citizen: _____

Email Address: _____ Martial Status: _____

Telephone(s) Home: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ Other: _____

Driver's License Information

Driver License Number: _____ State: _____ Class: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Current Points: _____ Pending Points: _____

Has your driving privilege ever been suspended? _____ If so, why? _____

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Educational History

Name of High School: _____ Date of graduation: _____

Name of College or Trade School: _____ Date of graduation: _____

Major: _____ If you did not graduate, did you obtain a GED? _____

Employment History

Current Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Contact Person: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Employer's Address: _____

County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date Employed: _____

Previous Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Contact Person: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Employer's Address: _____

County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date Employed: _____ Reason for leaving: _____

Previous Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Contact Person: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Employer's Address: _____

County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date Employed: _____ Reason for leaving: _____

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Criminal Background Information

Were you ever arrested or in the custody of any law enforcement agency in connection with the charging of a crime or delinquent act? _____ If so, please provide the pertinent information regarding the same:

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal act or do you have criminal charges pending against you? _____

If so, please provide the pertinent information regarding the same: _____

Fire and EMS Experience

List all affiliations (e.g. paid employee, volunteer member) with any Fire/EMS/Rescue Company/Department for the past 10 years.

Company/Department: _____ Affiliation/Position: _____

Contact/Title: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Dates _____ Reason for leaving: _____

If Baltimore County Company/Department, Give LOSAP number: _____

Company/Department: _____ Affiliation/Position: _____

Contact/Title: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Dates _____ Reason for leaving: _____

If Baltimore County Company/Department, Give LOSAP number: _____

If necessary list additional affiliations on a separate page.

If you have any taken any classes or have any certifications or licenses please fill out the Current Certifications and Licenses.

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Statement of Application and Authorization

I, the undersigned, am applying to become a member of the Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Department.

I, the undersigned, do promise to abide by all the By Laws and Rules and Regulation regulating the Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Department, either in effect or to become effective by the vote of the membership.

I, the undersigned, understand that the Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Department shall undertake an investigation into my background and that I will be required to appear before the Recruitment and Retention Committee of the Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Department. Furthermore, if I am under the age of 18 at the time of application, my parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must also agree to this application.

I, the undersigned, understand that should my application for membership be accepted by the membership of the Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Department, I shall be on a probationary period of at least 6 months. I understand at the end of my probationary period, I will be voted on by the Executive Board at the next meeting following my probationary period. I understand that the vote will determine my membership status.

I, the undersigned, understand that false, misleading, or incomplete statements to any part of this application, or forthcoming interview with the Recruitment and Retention Committee, constitutes perjury under the law, and that the detection of such falsity will result in immediate rejection of this application for membership or immediate dismissal from the Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Department. I further certify that all of the answers to all of the questions on this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and ability.

I, the undersigned, enclose \$10.00 for an initiation fee, \$38.50 for drug testing (money order or check for \$48.50). I understand that the initiation fee and drug testing fee are non-refundable. I understand that upon acceptance in the Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Department, that at the next regular meeting I must pay my dues for the year.

I, the undersigned, further enclose a certified copy of my driving record.

Please sign and print:

Applicant's Name (print)

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name if under 18 (print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

BOWLELYS QUARTERS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE

Current Certifications and Licenses

EMS Certifications	Date Issued	Expiration Date
CPR		
Bloodborne		
Emergency Medical Responder (1 st Responder)		
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B)		
EMT – I		
EMT – P		
IV Technician		

Classes Taken and Professional Qualification Issued

Class	Date Taken	Proqual		Class	Date Taken	Proqual
Aerial Operations				HazMat – Operations		
Emergency Vehicle Operator				HazMat – Technician		
Engine Company Operation				Pump Operator		
Fire Inspector I				Rescue Tech – Site Ops		
Fire Inspector II				Rescue Tech - VMR		
Fire Inspector III				RT – Confined Space		
Fire Instructor I				RT – Trench		
Fire Instructor II				RT – Structural Collapse		
Fire Officer I				RT – Rope		
Fire Officer II				RT- Swift Water		
Fire Officer III				RT - Swift Water Unit 1		
Fire Officer IV				RT – Swift Water Advance		
Firefighter I				Truck Company Operations		
Firefighter II				WMD Awareness		
HazMat – Awareness				MD Safe Boating		

Please have copies of all Certification/Licenses and classes

Notes: (addition space if needed)
