



## APPLICATION PROCESS

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Applications are available Monday–Friday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday–Sunday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Silvis Fire Department located at 2010 10th Street, Silvis. Please call 309-792-4815 prior to picking up an application to ensure that someone will be at the station.

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Applications must be returned along with applicant's personal physician's permission form to participate in the academy by the deadline posted.

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Applicants will be ranked and interviews will be conducted.

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Chosen applicants will be notified by mail of their acceptance into the Recruit Academy and information will be provided as to where and when to report. The City of Silvis will schedule a drug screen for the applicant prior to the recruit reporting to the academy.



## WHY JOIN THE SILVIS FIRE DEPARTMENT?

According to the National Fire Protection Association, volunteer firefighter numbers have decreased by about 23% since 1983 in the United States. During that same period, fire department call volume has grown 266%. The need for firefighters has never been higher. Volunteer and paid-on-call firefighters save their cities, townships, and villages millions of dollars per year. All this results in lower property taxes.



## RECRUIT ACADEMY

The Silvis Fire Department Recruit Academy is a 12-week academy. Each recruit will attend one class per week and have homework each week. The recruit will learn some of the basics of firefighting safety and some of the policies and procedures of the Silvis Fire Department. After the recruits complete the academy, they will become probationary firefighters. Recruits will not get a pager or respond to calls while in the academy.

The Academy will be a combination of classroom and hands-on training. By the end of the Academy, recruits will be familiar with and be able to use all of the department issued personal protective equipment, self-contained breathing apparatus, and various hand and power tools. The recruit will be familiar with the water systems of the city and know the process of getting water from the hydrant, to the engine, and flowing water through various sizes of fire hose and nozzles.

At no point in the Academy will recruits be exposed to live fire or other such hazardous situations. The goal of the Academy is to provide the recruits with the necessary skills and knowledge to operate as an entry-level firefighter. After the Academy is complete, training will continue and the new firefighter will continue working towards their Basic Operations Firefighter Certification through the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal.





**LEARN SKILLS**



**HELP YOUR COMMUNITY**



**BECOME PART OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FAMILY**



“Getting to help people in their time of need is so rewarding and why I continue to be a Firefighter.”

– Ashley Engh

“Helping others in the community on their worst day makes this job so rewarding.”

– Marcus Nache

## ABOUT THE SILVIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Silvis Fire Department was founded in 1908 and has a long history of providing public safety to the residents, business, and visitors of Silvis. The department is a paid-on-call department which means that the members get paid for all calls, training, and shift hours worked. After completion of all probationary requirements (12-month probationary period), firefighters are eligible to work daytime shift hours. Members respond to calls via pagers. Due to the fact that we operate off of pagers, members of the department live in Silvis. A limited number of members can live in surrounding areas (within geographic boundaries).

The Department has a very long history of residents dedicating their time and energy to helping provide emergency services to the residents and visitors of Silvis. Members of the Silvis Fire Department take great pride in knowing that they play an integral role assisting citizens in their greatest times of need.

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