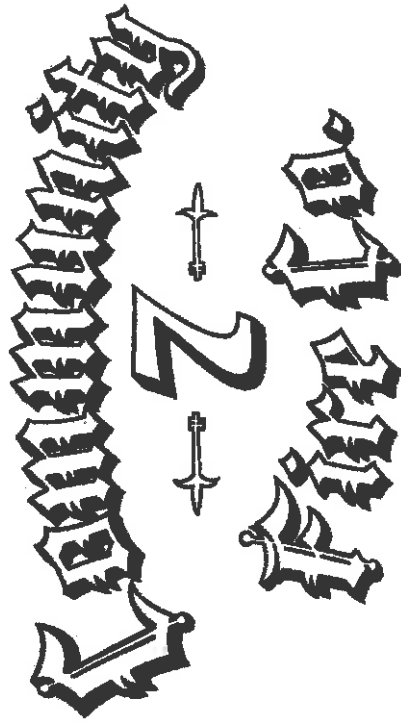


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BENDERSVILLE COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY

# Membership Application



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## Our History

The early written history of the Bendersville Community Fire Company dates back to July 8, 1914. The elected positions consisted of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief, and two Assistant Chiefs. Appointed officers were: four Nozzlemen, four Pipemen, two Axemen, two Assistant Axemen, two Linemen, four Laddermen, Fire Marshall, and Assistant Fire Marshall.

In the last 100 years, there have been numerous changes with regard to personnel and equipment. The Company has been very fortunate to have many members and non members who have dedicated countless hours and years towards the goal of providing for and improving fire safety.

The Union Fire Company, as it was originally known, was a function of the Bendersville Borough until January 28, 1919 when the citizens of the Borough of Bendersville held a meeting at the I.O.O.F. (Independent Order of Odd Fellows) Hall for the purpose of organizing a fire company and thus the present day fire company foundation was laid. W. C. Yeatts was elected first president, with E. W. Sowers as treasurer, and W. B. Delap as secretary. Dues were set at 50 cents and the name "Union Fire Company" was kept. On February 12, 1919, a formal constitution and by-laws were adopted. The first apparatus was a handdrawn hose cart owned by the borough. On April 2, 1919, \$300 was donated by Mrs. E. W. Sowers to procure a fire bell to be used to ring the alarms.

On January 17, 1921, the Union Fire Company purchased a 45 gallon chemical wagon from the Buffalo Chemical Company for \$480.00. They also built a new hose cart at a cost of \$48.00, purchased three rubber coats and hats, a 1 1/2" nozzle and a 1 5/8" nozzle for a cost of \$36.00.

In the year 1922, the first known fire officers were recorded:

Fire Chief: W. L. Baumgardner  
Assistant Chief: H. W. Knouse  
Assistant Chief: H. W. Hoffman  
Fire Police: Chas Lerew  
Nozzlemen: H. G. Orner, A. B. Reed, J. E. Routsong, R. Rice  
Reelmen: Chas Stover, D. C. Taylor, L.C. Bucher  
Breakers: A. E. Sheely, H. F. Quigle, John Black  
Couipers: M. J. Heller, F. M. Beamer, Lloyd Orner  
Plugmen: E. W. Sowers, R. D. Peters

## Types of Membership

### Active Membership : \$25

Members voted into active membership have all rights and privileges of the Fire Company. They may vote on Company matters and hold offices. Active members are expected to attend all training classes, work details, fundraising events, and respond to emergencies whenever possible. Active members will be asked to work on a bingo crew one night a month.

### Social Membership : \$23

Members voted into social membership have the same rights and privileges as the active member except the right to vote on fire company matters and cannot hold any elected office in the fire company.

Type of Membership : (Circle One)

Social      Active

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Class of License: \_\_\_\_\_

List any Physical Disabilities:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to notify in case of emergency:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiary: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently or have you been a member of another fire department?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any previous training or experiences in the fire or medical services?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in: (check all that apply)

- Fire Services
- Emergency Medical Services
- Auxiliary Functions

List two references other than relatives of fire company members with phone numbers:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Two recommendations by Bendersville Fire Company members:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I declare to the best of my knowledge the above information is true and correct and that any false information could result in the rejection of this application. I also understand that if accepted I must follow all the fire company rules and serve a twelve month probation period. I also give the investigating committee permission to contact the references above and to conduct a background check.

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Company Approval:  
Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rejected: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*All fields must be completed and application fee must be paid at the time of submission to be considered for membership \*\*\*\***