

Have you ever saved a life?

Have you ever saved a home?

Have you dreamed of driving a fire truck?

As a youngster, did you ever dream about being a cowboy/girl, cop, paramedic, firefighter?

As a current, new, or future resident of St. James Fire District, you can fulfill your childhood dream of being a paramedic or firefighter by joining the St. James Fire Department. No previous experience is required - only your desire to serve your community in way that is extremely more satisfying, rewarding, and fulfilling than any experiences in your working life.

The St. James Fire Department is staffed by male & female volunteers - your neighbors, most of whom had no prior experience. With the expected substantial population boom, and our average age of 63, additional dedicated people are needed to pick up the gratifying duty and carry on the tradition of saving lives and property.

The Department supplies most all of the required gear and equipment. Training is conducted: as a Firefighter "probie" you will complete about three months of twice a week training sessions before being allowed to respond to emergencies; EMS training varies by the level you wish to obtain.

As Uncle Sam says " WE WANT YOU!!" As SJFD says "WE NEED YOU!!"

Join in the most respected, satisfying, fulfilling, fun, and rewarding profession in the nation: JOIN the ST. JAMES FIRE DEPARTMENT

Call Chief Mike Havert, (910) 253-9626 or (910) 523-1190, or talk to a neighbor who is a member for more details and testimony about their most gratifying experiences.

"I experienced 'Sudden Cardiac Death' on a St. James golf course. A SJFD First Responder and Firefighter were in my threesome. Without the well trained EMS and Fire Department personnel---I would not be here today. "Glenn Reed, Irwin Dr. Resident

"A potential tragedy was averted when we had a major fire in our home. Thanks to the professionalism and sensitivity of our friends at the St. James Fire Department a 'total loss' of our home was prevented: especially the latest equipment used by the fire department, a thermal imaging camera, which greatly minimized our damage. We remain very grateful for the dedication and hard work of the volunteer members of our own well-trained fire department!"...Bill & Gail Gregory, Grey Heron Ct. Resident

"Camaraderie with the other volunteers is a plus. But, my greatest joy has been the satisfaction of helping neighbors in need and in seeing their appreciation of our efforts. Several years ago during a woods fire in Boiling Spring Lakes, another fireman and I got hugs from a woman whose house was saved. Later that day when we were leaving, a very young boy from down the street ran down his driveway and hollered 'thank you'. I got so much personal inner satisfaction from helping those folks. Nothing matches the personal warmth I feel by helping other folks in need. We want to help because others need us and we receive a strong sense of gratification"...Bob LeMay, 9 Year Veteran Firefighter

"Scared? As I rode to a 911 call I was feeling quite apprehensive - knowing that I would be fighting my first fire. Had I enough training to know what I should do? My fears were quickly put to rest upon the realization that our highly trained officers would never put a rookie in a situation that was dangerous for themselves or others."Dawn Quabeck, 1st. Year Firefighter

Looking forward to having you join us,

Mike Havert
Chief of the Department

RECRUITING PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- I. Thematic Letter
 - A. Mailbox distribution
 - B. SJFD Annual Report
 - C. POA Information Packet to New Residents
 - D. Develop into brochure
 - 1. Supply in bldg. Foyer
 - 2. Distribute at meetings
 - 3. Supply in Fitness Center
- II. Information Meetings
 - A. Arbor Creek
 - B. TOSJ
 - C. Newcomers Meeting
 - 1. Revise presentation
 - D. Open Houses at Station
 - 1. Beer & Pizza
 - 2. Introductory Video to Firefighting/EMS
 - 3. SJFD status
 - a. Why we need more personnel
 - b. Training provided/required
 - c. Equipment provided
 - d. Call summary/history
 - e. Benefits
 - f. Station Tour
 - 1. Demonstrate TOG
 - 2. Demonstrate vehicles
 - g. Testimonials
 - h. Ask to sign up
- III. Recruit a Friend/Neighbor