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**For Community, For Unity: Name of Department Wants You to Volunteer**

 *-- From Volunteer Firefighters to Office Assistants, There is a Job
For Everyone Who Wants to Help --*

**TOWN, N.C. - January 1, 2019** – With the launch of the new year, many are setting personal goals, such as eating healthier, losing weight or quitting smoking. These are very important, challenging life changes, but this year, we are hoping that more people make a resolution with will change not just their lives but also the lives of others. Local volunteer firefighters are counting on residents to add one more resolution to the list: Join the name of department.

“As we prepare for 2019, we’re looking to make our fire department stronger than ever,” says department spokesperson. “To do that we not only need more volunteer firefighters but we also need office assistants, event planners and more. If you want to join our ranks and be part of our family, we will find a job for you.”

The name of department offers the following benefits to its volunteer members:

* Training
* Tax Credit
* Insurance Programs
* What else do you offer? This is your chance to sell the department.

In addition, the name of department offers a talk about junior/cadet program, and anything else you want to include.

***Volunteers Needed***

The name of department is currently participating in the North Carolina Volunteer Workforce Solutions (VWS) initiative, a program dedicated to increasing the number of volunteer firefighters throughout the state. More than 70 percent of all fire personnel in North Carolina are volunteers, and the majority of fire departments throughout the state are experiencing a volunteer shortage. Local fire departments need volunteers of all skill levels and abilities, people willing and able to respond to emergencies whenever called.

“The skills and experience gained as a volunteer firefighter are invaluable and have a positive and lasting impact on the lives of others,” says Chief Tracy Mosley, North Carolina VWS program manager. “Those who join their local fire departments are signing up for one of the most rewarding opportunities they’ll ever have.”

To volunteer at your local fire department, visit [www.volunteerfirenc.org](http://www.volunteerfirenc.org).

To discover ways that you or your organization can help the campaign to recruit volunteer firefighters, visit [www.weneedfirefighters.org](http://www.weneedfirefighters.org).

***About Name of Department***

Department Boilerplate

***About North Carolina Volunteer Workforce Solutions***

A partnership of the [North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs](https://www.ncafc.com/) (NCAFC) and the [International Association of Fire Chiefs](http://www.iafc.org/) (IAFC), the North Carolina Volunteer Workforce Solutions (NCVWS) campaign is a two-year initiative designed to address the shortage of volunteer firefighters in North Carolina. It is helping achieve a viable and sustainable volunteer firefighter workforce for 15 North Carolina fire departments and associations: Leland Volunteer Fire/Rescue, Guil-Rand Fire Department, City of Cherryville Fire Department, Roanoke Island Volunteer Fire Department, Conover Fire Department, Piney Green Volunteer Fire Department, South Salisbury Fire Department, Eno Fire-Rescue, Advance Fire Department, Gumtree Fire and Rescue, Salem District Volunteer Fire Department, New Hope Fire Department, Wake County Fire Services, Lincoln County Fire-Rescue Association, and the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association. NCVWS is funded by a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant awarded to the NCAFC by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop a model to enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

For more information, visit [www.volunteerfirenc.org](http://www.volunteerfirenc.org) or <https://www.weneedfirefighters.org/>.

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