

Bridgewater Fire Department Application Instructions

1. Bridgewater Fire Department application form must be completely filled out, print clearly please!!
2. Fill out the criminal record request form and drop it off to the Bridgewater Police Department located at 45 Exhibition Drive.
3. Contact the department physician and make an appointment for a physical examination.
Note: Please inform the Dr's office that you are there for a Bridgewater Fire Department physical. There is no charge for the physical however, if you don't show for your appointment without calling to cancel there will be a late fee charged and the fire department will not cover that.

Dr. Timothy Riding
South Shore Medical Arts Building
42 Glen Allen Drive, Suite 301
543-7124

4. Upon completion of all forms, please return the sealed application package to the Bridgewater Fire Department during regular business hours (Monday to Friday 8-4). A membership committee member will contact you for an interview.

Thank you for expressing your interest in becoming a volunteer firefighter with our department. There are many rewarding opportunities that await you here, but as will all opportunities there are time requirements. Please take the time to discuss with your family and employer your intentions of becoming a volunteer firefighter. We respond to alarms 24hrs/7days a week, and as such, these alarms do interfere with family life. Please understand your level of commitment as our motto states "EVER READY".

Thank you for your interest in wishing to become a member of the Bridgewater Fire Department.

The Bridgewater Fire Department (BFD) was formed in 1876 with a small group of volunteers wishing to provide fire protection for the town. Today we still provide the Town of Bridgewater with fire protection and education services for residents and visitors as volunteers. Our department has a fleet that includes 3 pumpers, 1 aerial ladder truck, a rescue vehicle, 1 utility vehicle, 1 passenger vehicle and 1 rescue boat.

BFD answers over 200 calls for emergency service a year. Our calls range from alarms to structure fires, from gas spills to vehicle fires. As one of the largest volunteer fire departments in our County, BFD has an active volunteer membership with approximately 50 members.

Every member is an unpaid volunteer - the Chief, the drivers of the apparatus, and all the firefighters are your neighbors. Our members are carpenters, electricians, mechanics, plant workers and each is also a highly trained firefighter dedicated to the health, safety and welfare of the people of Bridgewater.

Keeping skills sharp requires hours and hours of training. Our Firefighters have both monthly and weekly drills. Many of our firefighters are trained Firefighter Level 1 and we have many members trained to level 2. Each year we refine and practice our skills so you can be assured of fire, rescue, and any emergency services.

Included in this package you will find an application forms as well as a form to have a criminal record check completed. Please fill out all forms. Have the Criminal record check completed by the Town Police and then return the forms with your application.

Once again, thank you for your interest in the BFD. We look forward to meeting you and having you become a member of our team.

Sincerely,

Dave Nash
Membership Committee

**Bridgewater Fire Department
Application for Membership**

Applicants for membership in the Bridgewater Fire Department are required to be residents of the Town of Bridgewater, a minimum of 19 years of age, and possess a valid Nova Scotia driver's license. Upon completing this form, applicants will be required to take a Medical Examination with a Fire Department appointed physician. When the completed medical form has been returned, the applicant will be interviewed by the Membership Committee. (The application process can be expected to take at least 2 months.)

1. **Name:** _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. **Address:** _____

SIN _____

3. **Telephone:**

(home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

e-mail _____

4. **Are you over 19 years of age? (Mandatory)** Yes _____ No _____

5. **I hereby authorize the Bridgewater Fire Department to contact my employer about this application.**

Sign: _____ **Date:** _____

Employer's Name _____ **Phone:** _____

6. **Class of Driver's License:** _____ **Endorsements:** _____ **Restrictions** _____

Master # _____

7. **How long have you been a resident of Bridgewater?** _____

8. **Please provide details of any previous firefighting experience:** _____

9. **Please provide details of any skills, training, or experience you have that would assist you as a firefighter:** _____

10. Medical information required: Health Card # _____

Family Physician _____

Allergies or medical conditions: _____

11. I hereby authorize the Bridgewater Fire Department to make inquiries through a Police Department to ensure that I do not have a criminal record.

Sign _____ Date _____

Date of Birth _____ (required for criminal record check)

12. Please give three (3) references from non-Bridgewater Fire Department members.

1/ Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

2/ Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

3/ Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

13. I hereby submit this application for membership to the Bridgewater Fire Department.

Sign: _____ Date: _____

DATE: _____

To: Bridgewater Police Department

The Bridgewater Fire Department is requiring a PRC and a Vulnerable Sectors check completed for the following person in order to become a non-compensated volunteer with our Department.

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: Year _____ Month _____ Day _____

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Nauss". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Nauss" clearly distinguishable.

Michael Nauss

Fire Chief

Bridgewater Fire Department

