



## A QUESTIONNAIRE ABOUT VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS



No.	Questions
1.	What is the definition of a volunteer firefighter in your country?
2.	Who organizes and runs volunteer fire brigades: the state, county or country?
3.	Are there any volunteer associations? If yes, what, how many and what are their basic functions?
4.	If your country has no volunteer firefighters as such, please describe the present situation (Are there any discussions about it? What kind of attitude is towards volunteer firefighters?)
5.	What is total number of volunteers and professional firefighters in your country (percentage)?
6.	Is the number increasing or decreasing during the last 5 years? If yes, how?
7.	What might be the reasons of volunteers 'shortage', if any?
8.	Does the government, municipality or community itself provide money for voluntary fire brigade system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- equipment</li> <li>- fire brigade operations</li> <li>- protective equipment</li> <li>- social events</li> <li>- insurances?</li> </ul>
9.	What are the criteria for selecting volunteers? What are the physical requirements for people willing to be volunteers?
10.	What kind of basic training is necessary to be a volunteer? How long does the training take? How many months, weeks, hours?
11.	How much time does the person have to pledge after receiving training?
12.	Who can become a volunteer? What is volunteer fire fighter intake policy (process)? Could you describe it in detail?
13.	What is the society's opinion of volunteer firefighters?
14.	Are there any benefits that accompany volunteers' position? Such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* a sense of belonging</li> <li>* achievement</li> <li>* responsibility</li> <li>* self respect</li> <li>* personal growth, development and self satisfaction</li> <li>* contribution to the department</li> <li>* creation of friendships / camaraderie</li> <li>* socialization</li> <li>* feeling valued</li> <li>* being a role model</li> <li>* having fun and enjoying one's environment</li> <li>* opportunity to help their community</li> <li>* life insurance</li> <li>* training</li> <li>* leadership opportunities</li> <li>* uniforms &amp; clothing</li> <li>* banquets</li> <li>* medals</li> <li>* income</li> <li>* other</li> </ul>

15.	Who performs the admission of the volunteers?
16.	What minimum education and training do people bring to the volunteer position?
17.	What do volunteer firefighters do in case of emergency? Are their responsibilities and job particularities the same as those of a professional firefighter?
18.	What does the person need to do or to have in order to be called a successful volunteer firefighter?
19.	What kinds of subjects are included when teaching volunteers?
20.	Is volunteering a way to get in if a person wants to be a paid professional firefighter? If yes, how can it happen and what is necessary for that?
21.	What is the legal responsibility for a volunteer who unduly carries out his work when being on duty? Are there are institutions or associations which defend the rights of volunteer firefighters?
22.	Please describe any recent changes or plans to change firefighters volunteers schemes in your country?
23.	What are the primary occupations of the majority of volunteers?
24.	Which of the following things prompt the people to join volunteers? * Friend or family member reference * Personal contact with a firefighter * Fire station or truck tour * Experienced family, friend or personal tragedy * Career day at school * Story in local media about a fire or accident * Banner at the station * Participation in a special event * Brochure * Newspaper advertisement * Television advertisement * Radio advertisement * Any social network (Facebook, Twitter...) * Email * Other
25.	Are there any problems concerning volunteer firefighters system in your country? If yes, what are they and are there any possible ways to solve them?

**Thank you for your thorough answers! 😊**