

WELCOME....

Thank you for your interest in joining one of the fastest growing and proactive fire departments in the State of Michigan. Firefighting is a challenging, yet highly rewarding endeavor. If you are motivated by the opportunities offered here and believe you can meet the challenges, we highly encourage you to apply. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact myself, Fire Chief Pat Parker or Asst. Chief Terry Flynn. Thank you for your time.

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SOME OF THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE INCLUDE:

FIRE SUPPRESSION

EMS (BASIC LIFE SUPPORT)

HAZ-MAT RESPONSE

TECHNICAL RESCUE

FIRE INSPECTIONS

PUBLIC EDUCATION



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RECRUITMENT INFORMATION



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HISTORY

The Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department was established on October 15th, 1980 when the township supervisors of Acme, East Bay, and Garfield Townships saw the need for change. These three townships required similar needs and believed it was in their best interest to join together in providing the services and equipment necessary to provide Fire / EMS services to their citizens.

Today, Metro Fire runs over 3,000 calls for service per year in Acme, East Bay, and Garfield Townships. Advanced training, diversified services, excellent equipment, and staffing has made Metro Fire one of the staple fire departments in the State of Michigan.

Metro Fire currently responds 33 pieces of apparatus out of four fire stations; including Engines, Tankers, a Ladder truck, Heavy Rescues, Wildfire trucks, and a Technical Rescue truck, among others.

Metro Fire is a combination fire department, which means we have full time staffing at our stations, supplemented by part-paid, or paid per call firefighters. Metro Fire currently has 14 full time employees serving various functions from Administration to Suppression, and approximately 85 part paid firefighters.



Grand Traverse Metro Fire - Fire Station # 1

PART PAID FIREFIGHTERS

The Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department part paid firefighters are essential members of the GTMFD emergency services team. Their dedication and commitment are integral to our ability to provide the very best service to those who need our help. In return, they receive career training and experience in Fire, EMS, and other technical areas, paid per call compensation, and the greatest benefit of all— the satisfaction derived from serving the community and helping those in need.

TIME COMMITMENT

GTMFD part paid firefighters are required to make a substantial time commitment. They must be certified in the following areas within (1) one year from date of hire:

- Firefighter I & II Certification—6 Months
- Medical First Responder—6 Weeks
- Hazmat Operations—2 Weekends

There are other certifications for our part paid firefighters, however they are not initially required, and are dependant upon your function within the department.

QUALIFICATIONS

To be considered for a GTMFD part paid firefighter position, you must:

- Be 18 years of age, or older
- High School Diploma
- Live within range of the Metro Fire District
- Have a clear driving record
- Be in good physical condition & Drug Free
- Be able to take orders and follow directions

APPLICATION PROCESS

You must complete and return a GTMFD application to the Administrative Office located at 897 Parsons Road. Upon receiving your application, you will then be scheduled for an interview with the Fire Chief and / or Station Captain. Upon successful completion of this process, a background investigation will be done, and the candidate will be asked to take a physical examination paid for by the department. Once passed and completed, you will then be assigned to a fire station, and issued the required protective equipment.

TRAINING / PROBATION

The GTMFD sends recruits to the Northwest Regional Fire Academy located in Traverse City. The academy normally commences each year in September (may vary) and ends in mid-April. Classes are held Monday & Wednesday nights from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, and occasional Saturday classes from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. (days and/or times may vary). Recruits are expected to make all classes.

Upon completion of the academy, recruits are expected to complete a probationary period. During this period, recruits perform all firefighter duties under close supervision. Also during the probationary period, the recruit must show competency in departmental operations, driving, equipment operation and location, district response area, and medical operations.

Once the probationary period is completed, the recruit then becomes a regular firefighter with the