

Delaware Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Program

The Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association has created this Firefighter of the Year Program as part of our Retention Program. The program is funded through the SAFER Grant that the DVFA was successful in obtaining. This is a four year program. Three firefighters, one from each county, will be selected each year of the grant starting in 2014. Applications must be received in the DVFA Office by December 1, 2013 for the first year, December 31, 2014 for the second year, December 31, 2015 for the third year and December 31 of 2016 for the fourth year.

Qualifications: Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. They must be an active Volunteer Firefighter belonging to a Delaware Volunteer Fire Company who is a member of the DVFA. They must have completed minimum training requirements of Basic Firefighting Skills, Structural Firefighting, Hazardous Materials Response Skills, and Vehicle Rescue. Applicant must have completed the State of Delaware Criminal History Affidavit and background check with their fire company

Requirements: Applicants must be available to attend the Annual FDIC Training, the Annual CFSI Dinner and the Annual DVFA Luncheon. In addition, applicants must serve and participate for one year on the DVFA Recruitment and Retention Committee and help recruit new firefighters as part of the committee efforts.

Recommendations: Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation from members of the fire service. One of those letters must be from the fire chief of their volunteer fire company. The other two can be chosen by the applicant.