

## Animas Volunteer Fire & Rescue Dept.

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Dear Applicant,

We welcome your membership application to join the Animas Vol. Fire & Rescue Department. The attached "Application Process" guide will provide you with detailed instructions on how the application process works and what steps that you will need to take in order to complete the application process. It is important that you fill out each part of the application packet completely and honestly. You must also sign it in the presence of a Notary Public of New Mexico.

As I am sure you will agree, our organization is one in which integrity is paramount. Our reputation is directly related to the code of conduct displayed by each of our members. Our members deal directly with the public and it is important that they be concerned for the safety and welfare of the public at all times. Therefore, please be aware that we will thoroughly scrutinize the information that you provide on the membership application. We do this in an effort to provide the citizens of our community with individuals who will uphold the excellent reputation of the Animas Vol. Fire & Rescue Department.

Thank you for your interest and, hopefully, you can become a valuable part of our organization.

Sincerely,

Jared Fralie, Chief  
Animas Vol. Fire & Rescue Dept.

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## *About the Animas Volunteer Fire & Rescue Dept.*

The Animas Vol. Fire & Rescue Department is the oldest county fire department in Hidalgo County and was organized in 1973 and officially founded on January 15, 1975 by the citizens of Animas to provide fire protection for the community. The station was built June 1, 1979 and had a two bay addition built in 1998. Forty + years later, the Animas Vol. Fire & Rescue Department is still providing fire protection to its community and outlying areas.

The Animas Vol. Fire & Rescue Department provides coverage to over 1000 square miles of Private, State and BLM Lands. Our capabilities range from structural protection, wildland and urban interface, rescue and public education.

We provide automatic aid for Cotton City Vol. Fire Dept. as well as provide mutual aid to both the Rodeo Vol. Fire Dept. & Playas Vol. Fire Dept. We are completely state funded by the NM State Fire Marshal's Office through the New Mexico PRC.

The members of the Animas Vol. Fire & Rescue department, both those that work full time and those that are retired, all take time out of their schedules to provide emergency services to our communities.

The Animas Vol. Fire & Rescue Department holds meetings on the first and third Monday's of every month at 6:00pm. The first meeting of the month is our business meeting and the second meeting of the month is designated for training.

New Mexico Volunteer Fire Fighters may qualify for a pension from PERA after age 55 and with at least 10 years of service as a volunteer fire fighter.

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

### 1. Contents of Packet

The membership application packet contains the following forms that must be completed:

- a) Volunteer Firefighter Membership Application, form AVFRD:AP1 (2 pages)
- b) Authority to Release Information, form AVFRD:AP2
- c) Background Screening Applicant Information, form AVFRD:AP3
- d) Accountability Tag Forms, form AVFRD:AP4
- e) NM MVD Records Release, form MVD-11260
- f) VFIS Beneficiary Form
- g) PERA Form
- h) Application Process Checklist, form AVFRD:AP5

### 2. Completion of Application Packet

All applicants must COMPLETELY fill in the information on the forms listed in Section #1 above. When completed, you must sign (in the presence of a Notary Public of New Mexico) the second page of form AVFRD:AP1.

### 3. Administrative Review of Application

When you submit your application packet, a thorough administrative review will be done. All information provided on the application will be verified. The following items are important things to consider when completing the application:

Membership in Other Organization: If you state that you are a member of other organizations, you must provide the name, address and phone number of the appropriate official in each organization that can be contacted in order to verify the information submitted. This information should be provided on a separate sheet of paper and attached to the application.

Previous Experience: If you state that you have previous experience in other fire service or emergency medical service organizations, you must provide the name, address and phone number of the appropriate official in each organization that can be contacted in order to verify the information submitted. This information should be provided on a separate sheet of paper and attached to the application.

Special Licenses or Certifications Held: If you state that you have a special license or certification, please attach a copy for the training file that is maintained on each member. Please also provide a legible copy of your New Mexico Driver's License for our use in obtaining a NM Department of Motor Vehicle Records Check. *Do not attach the original of any license or certification.*

Previous Fire Service & Emergency Medical Service Training: If you state that you have previous fire service or emergency medical service training, please attach a copy for the training file maintained on each member. *Do not attach the original of any license or certification.*