

“Volunteers  
don’t necessarily  
have the time;  
they just have  
the heart.”



Rutherfordton Fire and Rescue  
144 N. Mitchell St.

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*Would you like to make  
a difference in your  
community? Become a  
**Volunteer Firefighter!***





## United States Statistics

There were 1,134,400 career and volunteer firefighters in the U.S. in 2014.

788,250 (69%) were volunteer firefighters.

Since 1986, the number of career firefighters per 1,000 population has been constant, however the number of volunteer firefighters per 1,000 population has been decreasing.

15% of fire departments were all career/mostly career and protected approximately 2/3rd of the U.S. population. Conversely, 85% of fire departments were all volunteer/mostly volunteer and protected about 1/3rd of the U.S. population.

More than half the firefighters (52%) were between 30 and 49 years old.

Haynes, H. J. G. & Stein, G. P. (2016) NFPA: US Department Profile.

## Facts

Rutherfordton Fire and Rescue is a combination department, meaning we utilize both paid staff and volunteer members.

Our volunteer membership makes up 2/3 of our department and they serve the community by responding to emergency calls, participating in fire prevention activities and community events.

Rutherfordton Fire and Rescue has served the community since 1911.

## Applicant Requirements

18 years of age

High School Diploma or GED

Possess a valid North Carolina Driver's License

Capable of performing the duties of a firefighter

Pass a criminal background check

Junior Program is available for ages 16 and 17

## Benefits of Becoming a Volunteer Firefighter

- Becoming part of a tradition we call "BROTHERHOOD"
- Pension Fund
- Call Reimbursement
- Training Opportunities
- Membership and Benefits within NCSFA and NCAR&EMS
- Gear and Equipment provided at no cost
- Excitement
- Serving your community

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