Information on Becoming a Volunteer Firefighter in Pennington County

Watching can make you feel helpless. Imagine how you’d feel if you had the ability to step up and help.

Looking for a challenge?
The Pennington County Volunteer Fire Service is comprised of over 450 men and women belonging to 19 individual fire departments. These fire departments are seeking individuals to serve as volunteer firefighters for the Pennington County community.

You could be called to serve for a variety of situations...

- Fight a neighbor’s house fire
- Fight a wildfire threatening homes, pastures, and/or forests
- Rescue people trapped in vehicle accidents
- Assist in searching for lost or missing individuals
- Provide assistance during hazardous materials incidents
- Provide assistance during floods or tornados
- Provide emergency medical aid to sick or injured people
- Provide educational fire safety programs for adults and children

What you need to be a volunteer firefighter...

- Courage
- Dedication
- Enthusiasm
- Willingness to learn new skills
- Willingness to face new challenges
- Time, commitment and hard work

What you will get in return...

- Belonging to something important
- Achievement
- Increased responsibility
- Department provided training
- Growth and development
- Possible career opportunities
- Increased self-respect and understanding
- Challenge, skills training, action
- Recognition
- Opportunities for having fun

Volunteer fire departments in Pennington County protect and serve all citizens outside the city limits of Rapid City.

Battle Creek Fire Dist
Black Hawk VFD
Box Elder VFD
Doty VFD
Hill City VFD
Interior VFD

Johnson Siding VFD
New Underwood VFD
North Haines VFD
Piedmont VFD
Quinn VFD
Rapid Valley VFD
Rockerville VFD

Rochford VFD
Scenic VFD
Silver City VFD
Wall VFD
Wasta VFD
Whispering Pines VFD

(Note: Some VFD’s listed above also serve areas in neighboring Custer, Meade, Lawrence, Haakon and Oglala Lakota counties)

To find out which volunteer fire department is nearest to you, call the Pennington County Fire Administrator at 605-394-5367. The Fire Administrator can provide you with additional information and contact names for any of the above mentioned volunteer fire departments.

Protect your dreams:
Volunteer!