




Avon Volunteer Fire Department personnel inspect duct work on the roof of a commercial building following a fire.

January 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|---|----------------------------|-----|-----|--|-----|
| | | 1 <i>New Year's Day</i> | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i> | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  PLEASE. SHOVEL ME OUT. | |



Avon Volunteer Fire Department firefighters prepare to extinguish the flames after a fire sprinkler demonstration at the AVFD's Emergency Services Day in May 2018. These men began with the AVFD as Explorers, students ranging in age from 14 to 21 years old who, just like regular members of the Department, train weekly learning how to provide support to AVFD personnel as well as explore a future career in firefighting. Explorers assist with fire safety education in Avon's elementary schools during Fire Prevention Week every October.

February 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <i>Winter Reminder: As the snow piles up, Avon residents and business owners are reminded that a town ordinance requires them to always keep fire hydrants on their property clear of snow. In the event a hydrant needs to be used, firefighters must be able to locate it easily. There are 750 fire hydrants in town. Please observe those nearest you and make a point to keep an eye on them all year long. If something doesn't look right, please contact the AVFD at 860-677-2644.</i> | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Valentine's Day | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Presidents' Day | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | <i>Make sure fire extinguishers are charged and within reach of the kitchen and garage.</i> | |



Members of the AVFD train weekly to prepare for all types of emergency situations. The Department is proud to partner with Monroe, Connecticut-based Flash Fire Industries, the Northeast's first and only mobile fire fighter training trailer, for such exercises as forcible entry, roof ventilation, metal saw operations, window training, and much more.

March 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p><i>The AVFD is an all-volunteer organization that responded to nearly 600 calls for service in 2017 (fire alarms, CO alarms, motor vehicle accidents, basement pump outs, structure fires). As no member is paid to protect residents' homes and businesses, the Department saves the Town millions of dollars per year. Donations help keep the AVFD 100% volunteer and are critical in maintaining the highest level of emergency response and readiness.</i></p> | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Ash Wednesday | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Change Clocks & Batteries | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 St. Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | | | | | | |



Dedicated to wellness and a healthy lifestyle, AVFD members form teams and enter races and other sports events throughout the year.

In 2018, the AVFD held host its own 5K road race, in honor of its 75th anniversary. Also in 2018, the AVFD was presented with the VCOS-VFIS Illness and Injury Prevention Program Award for its health and wellness program. The AVFD has undertaken, and as of 2017, fully implemented a comprehensive health and wellness program for its volunteer members that fully complies with all of the latest editions of NFPA 1500, 1582, 1583, and 1584. The Department has brought on board Life Scan Wellness Centers from Tampa, Florida as an authorized provider to augment the examination process with ultrasound screening, which identified a previously undiagnosed and silent case of cancer in an active member under 50, essentially saving his life!

April 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <i>Spring is a great time to have chimneys checked and cleaned.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| N A T I O N A L V O L U N T E E R W E E K | | | | | | |
| 14 <i>Palm Sunday</i> | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 <i>Passover Begins Good Friday</i> | 20 |
| 21 <i>Easter</i> | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 <i>Passover Ends</i> |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | <p>You already know who we are. We're your neighbors. We're mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, sisters and brothers, and uncles and aunts. We're landscapers, students, plumbers, presidents and CEOs, doctors, attorneys, engineers, contractors, paramedics, administrators, bankers, sales representatives, teachers, business owners, and</p> <p>We Are Volunteers.</p> | | | |



In 2018, FOX 61's Ben Goldman put together a television piece about K9 First Responders (www.k9fr.org), an organization whose specially-trained dog teams provide emotional support, aid, and comfort to victims of disaster, catastrophe, and violence. We were delighted to provide the space for the interviews, and then Assistant Chief Bruce Appell spoke about how the organization has helped our members.

May 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| <i>Inspect electrical cords for fraying, and be sure outlets and power strips are not overloaded. Check lamp sockets to ensure bulbs don't exceed the recommended wattage.</i> | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Mother's Day | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Memorial Day Parade | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |



Volunteer firefighters douse remnants of a structure fire in June 2018. First fire personnel on scene confirmed smoke and flames coming from the single family residence with the home's occupants having evacuated. Thanks to mutual aid assistance from our neighbors at Simsbury Volunteer Fire Company, New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department, and Tunxis Hose Company, crews quickly extinguished the blaze. During the incident, Burlington Volunteer Fire Department provided station coverage and Farmington Fire Department responded to an odor of gas call in town.

June 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <i>Be extremely careful with charcoal and gas grills.</i> | <i>Never light a grill indoors, in a garage, or close to any building.</i> | <i>Never leave a grill unattended.</i> | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Flag Day | 15 |
| 16 Father's Day | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | | | | | | |



The AVFD partners with Flash Fire Industries to conduct specific training exercises. Here they are working on ventilation methods and skills. Our volunteers are professionally trained to do the work they do.

The only difference between our personnel and those who do it for a living? Members of the AVFD do not get paid.

July 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|--|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 <i>Independence Day</i> | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | <i>Even if fireworks are legal, it does not mean they're safe.</i> | <i>To safely enjoy fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts.</i> | <i>Never let small kids near/in the pool w/out adult supervision.</i> |



Members of the AVFD spent a day evaluating and testing new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) at the Live Fire Training Facility in Farmington. The team explored the various features of two different manufacturers' of SCBA in order to make the most informed recommendation for the replacement of the AVFD's current life-saving SCBA. A \$277,286 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security subsidized the AVFD's recent purchase of new equipment.

August 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <i>Avoid heat stroke: 1. Increase your water intake.</i> | <i>If you're thirsty, you're already dehydrated.</i> | <i>2. Decrease your sun exposure and workload in hot weather.</i> | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |




Community Challenge

Unlike the typical fitness adventure, the AVFD Community Challenge is an opportunity for members of the public to step into firefighter bunker gear and see if they have what it takes to be a hometown hero by tackling the AVFD's Physical Performance Qualification (PPQ) test.

All AVFD volunteer firefighters are required to complete the PPQ annually in order to respond to incidents.

Understanding that all firefighters are occupational athletes, the AVFD has created and is implementing a comprehensive health and safety program designed to improve the health and safety of AVFD members and, in turn, enhance the Department's preparedness and effectiveness in meeting the needs of the community and region.

September 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 <i>Labor Day</i> | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 <i>AVFD Annual 9/11 Service</i> | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> | 30 |  | | | | |



In addition to our own Memorial Day Parade here in town, AVFD members march in several parades throughout the state each year. Here's volunteer Jim Reber putting the finishing touches on our 1938 Mack pumper truck before a 2018 parade. Those who visit our Company 1 firehouse at 25 Darling Drive can see all the trophies and awards our teams have won in parades over the years.

October 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <i>Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire. It killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned over 2,000 acres.</i> | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| FIRE PREVENTION WEEK | | | | | | |
| | | Yom Kippur | | | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Halloween | <i>The Great Chicago Fire began on October 8, 1871, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9. To learn more visit the National Fire Protection Association at www.nfpa.org.</i> | |



Avon Volunteer Fire Police are a crew of 12 specialized personnel who go through detailed training to provide firefighters with an environment that is safe from external sources, and to provide traffic control assistance at motor vehicle incidents. They provide valuable firefighter rehabilitation support at trainings and on emergency scenes. In addition, our Fire Police can be seen assisting with parking at polling places and helping pedestrians safely cross Country Club Road to attend the Avon Free Public Library's summer Farmers Markets.

November 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <i>Turn off space heaters and tree outdoor holiday lights when away or asleep.</i> | <i>Keep Christmas trees well-watered. Avoid real candles.</i> | <i>Electric candles look great and are safer.</i> | <i>Test smoke alarms regularly to ensure they're working properly.</i> | <i>Be sure to change batteries at least once a year.</i> | 1 | 2 |
| 3 <i>Change Clocks & Batteries</i> | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Veterans Day | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Thanksgiving | 29 | 30 |
| | | <i>Planning to deep-fry your turkey? Do it outside, on a flat, level surface at least 10 feet from the house.</i> | | | | |



The Avon Volunteer Fire Department operates out of four fire stations located throughout the town. Company 1 (upper left) is AVFD Headquarters located at 25 Darling Drive. Company 2 (upper right) is on Secret Lake Road. Company 3 (lower left) is on West Avon Road. Company 4 (lower right) is on Huckleberry Hill Road. For more information about the different fire stations and the apparatus housed at each location, please visit www.AvonVFD.org.

December 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 <i>Chanukah Begins</i> | 23 | 24 | 25 <i>Christmas</i> | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 <i>Chanukah Ends</i> | 31 | <i>Have gas furnaces and heat pumps serviced every two years.</i> | <i>Have oil-fired systems checked annually.</i> | <i>Put fireplace embers in a metal container and set them outside</i> | <i>and away from structures to cool for 24 hours before disposal.</i> |



Avon Volunteer Fire Department

Membership Application



Name: _____

Today's Date: _____

Address: _____

Length of Residence: _____

Town: _____

Phone Number: _____

POSITION APPLYING FOR

Firefighter _____ Fire Police _____ Administrative _____

Level of Training Desired

Greenlighter _____ Yellowlighter _____ Redlighter _____

AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Medical _____
Mechanical _____
Radio/Communications _____

Computers _____
Law Enforcement _____
Building/Construction _____

Organizational _____
Management _____
Clerical _____

Others: _____

Why do you want to become a member of the Avon Fire Department?

What specific characteristics do you have that will be of benefit to the Department?

DATE OF INTERVIEW: ____ / ____ / ____
Remarks of Interviewer: _____

Interviewer Signature: _____

Rank: _____

MEDICAL RETURNED: ____ / ____ / ____ APPROVED: ____ / ____ / ____ By: _____

Medical Officer

DATE APPLICATION POSTED: ____ / ____ / ____

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Name: _____ | Do you have a current valid Connecticut Driver's License? Yes ___ No ___ If Yes: Driver's License Number: _____ License Type: _____ |
| Date of Birth: _____ | |
| Social Security Number: _____ | |

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Next of Kin: _____ | Address: _____ |
| Relationship: _____ | Daytime Phone: _____ |
| Other Info: _____ | Evening Phone: _____ |

CURRENT EMPLOYER

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Name: _____ | Address: _____ | City: _____ | State: _____ |
| Supervisor: _____ | Phone _____ | Part Time: _____ | Full Time: _____ |

Type of Business & Your Specific Duties:

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| _____ |
| _____ |
| _____ |
| _____ |
| _____ |

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

High School Graduate or Equivalency? Yes ___ No ___ If No, highest grade completed _____
College or Other Training after High School, including Military Service
If military, state character of discharged as stated on DD-214

| Name & Address of College or School | Major / Specialty | Type of Degree, License or Certificate Earned |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
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FIREFIGHTING / EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPERIENCE

Have you ever belonged to a Fire Department or Emergency Services organization before? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, give details:

| Name of Department or Organization | Highest Rank | Time Served | Certificates Held |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
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AVON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 2019 CALENDAR

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Legal Information

**** Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes ___ No ___** If Yes, give date(s), jurisdiction and details:

**** Do you currently have any pending felony charges against you ? Yes ___ No ___**

**** In the past 3 years, have you been convicted of a misdemeanor (including traffic violations)?**

Yes ___ No ___ If Yes to either question, give date(s) and details:

**** This information will be verified. Affirmative answers will not necessarily exclude you from membership; however, the information will be considered insofar as it relates to the position for which you have applied.**

Avon Volunteer Fire Department Code of Conduct

1. Obey all Federal, State and Local laws.
2. Be familiar with and obedient to the rules, regulations, By-Laws, Administrative Operating Guidelines and Standard Operating Guidelines under which the Department is run.
3. Always conduct yourself in a professional manner. Be respectful of and courteous to all people, no matter what their rank or length of service.
4. Never falsify records or make misleading or deceitful statements.
5. Do not release details of any emergency operation or investigation without the express permission of the Incident Commander or the Chief of the Department.
6. Participate in all drills and training whenever possible and respond to all alarms for which you are available.
7. Strive to maintain the Stations, Apparatus, Equipment and Tools in good clean working order at all times.
8. Above all, conduct yourself with the best interests of the Avon Volunteer Fire Department in mind, and act when it is your responsibility and duty to do so.

(NOTE: By signing below, you agree to uphold the principles of the Avon Volunteer Fire Department's Code of Conduct.)

I certify that the information supplied by me on this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misstatement, misrepresentation or omission of material facts shall cause forfeiture of all rights to membership in the Avon Volunteer Fire Department for the eligibility period of this application.

I recognize the need of the Avon Volunteer Fire Department to examine and verify information pertaining to my qualifications for membership, and freely consent to such verification. I further authorize the release of such information to the Town of Avon and the Avon Volunteer Fire Department for application verification purposes, and waive my rights under the Privacy Act or other legal limitations thereto.

I understand that if permanent membership is offered by Avon Volunteer Fire Department, such membership is conditional upon the successful completion of a probationary period, and further that the Avon Volunteer Fire Department will not be committed to retain me for any specific term of membership. I understand that Medical evaluation is required prior to membership, and that the medical evaluation shall be defined by the Avon Volunteer Fire Department and the Department Physicians. I will allow the Avon Volunteer Fire Department to review any medical records, background information or any other information that may apply to this position.

I am signing below with a complete understanding of the above terms, and under my own free will.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____