

New membership requirements include:

- Age: 16*
- Residence in Darien, residence within 1½ miles of the Darien Fire Dept. district, or employment in Darien
- Written approval from a Doctor to engage in firefighting activities
- Application fee (\$15) and membership dues (\$10/yr)

* Members under the age of 18 require parental permission to join, and have restricted duties.

New members can apply for active or house membership.

Active members are expected to:

- Respond to at least 15% of the incidents to which the department is called
- Attend 50% of all training sessions, clean-ups, and meetings. Such events take place on Monday nights
- Serve a probationary period that ranges from 6 months to a year
- Enroll in a locally-administered Connecticut "Firefighter I" course (age 18 or over), for which you are reimbursed

House members are expected to:

- Serve on one or two department committees
- Not participate in firefighting activities
- Provide a professional skill typical of those needed by small businesses (since Darien Fire Department, Inc., is a non-profit corporation).
- Serve the same probation period as an active member

A volunteer fire company is a truly unique embodiment of people from all walks of life, brought together for the purpose of protecting the community. The convictions of Benjamin Franklin's Union Fire Company, the nation's first fire company, are alive and well, even in the 21st century: Especially in Darien.

Darien is in a unique position to offer its citizens the opportunity to become an integral part of the community's fire protection by providing services that are entirely volunteer.

Darien Fire Department's members represent a diverse spectrum of professionals whose fields include:

Information Systems
Business Management
Marketing
Trades (Plumbing, Electrical, and Mechanical)
Software Development
Network Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Advertising
Financial Trading
Nursing
Biochemistry
Respiratory Therapy
Emergency Medicine
Facilities Management
Banking
Printing
Herpetology
Financial Planning
Fire Protection & Fire Protection Engineering
Theology
Military Service

We are Fathers, Mothers, students, commuters, neighbors, and professionals who share compassion and dedication to keep our community safe. Our membership embodies a sizable and diverse extended family: We refer to and regard each other as brothers and sisters.

DARIEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

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FOUNDED: 1895
INCORPORATED: 1914



A PROFESSIONAL FIRE
COMPANY, STAFFED
ENTIRELY BY
VOLUNTEERS, SERVING
DARIEN SINCE 1895

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DARIEN FIRE DEPARTMENT FACTOIDS



Our 1971 Mack-Baker Aerialscope is considered the industry's most versatile and sturdy aerial platform. It is a favorite of the City of New York Fire Department



Our pride and joy, a 1928 Ahrens, still runs great. When the weather is good, we have fun with this beautiful antique by driving it around town, pumping water, or just keeping it nice and shiny.



Our 2004 Saulsbury Custom Heavy Rescue helps protect I-95 and support structure fire operations.



Over 100,000 gallons of water got pumped through Tower Ladder 43 on this hot summer day in Tokeneke. We all got a real workout along with three other fire companies.



Engines 41 and 42 are brand-new 2006 Pierce triple-combination pumpers. These were designed and specified by DFD members. Engine 41 is first-due to vehicle fires and third-due to box alarms. Engine 42 was purchased with funds raised by the department, is first-due to box alarms, and the busiest fire apparatus in Darien.



Quality of training at DFD is paramount. Our training center lets us re-create the real thing under controlled conditions.

- Founded in 1895 as the “Eagle Hook and Ladder Company No. 1”
- Department answers about 600 calls annually
- Membership is 100% Volunteer.
- Membership comprised of active, associate, and house members. Current membership totals about 100 people.
- Members who are Darien residents are eligible for up to \$1000 tax credit annually, depending on the amount of time volunteered in a particular year.
- Since training is the backbone of our operation, about 24 drills are conducted annually, most of which are at Darien’s fire training facilities on Ledge Rd.
- Firefighting can be a family business. There are presently two Father-Son-Daughter trios on the Darien Fire Department.

