



**LANCASTER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN  
STATEWIDE 'RECRUITNY' OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND**



**Saturday April 23, 2022**

As part of the annual RecruitNY statewide initiative, the Lancaster Fire Department will hold a virtual tour (through their Facebook page) as well as open its doors so residents can learn how they can serve their volunteer fire department.

Volunteer fire departments across New York State are struggling with decreased membership and increased call volume. Like most volunteer fire departments, the Lancaster Fire Department needs to bolster its ranks so it can continue to provide the optimum level of protection for its residents.

As part of RecruitNY Weekend, the Lancaster Fire Department will open its doors on Saturday, April 23 from 10am - Noon. The Department has two halls and they are located at 5423 Broadway St and 24 West Drullard Avenue (Lancaster, NY 14086). They will be joining volunteer fire departments across New York to raise public awareness regarding the need for volunteers and to highlight the rewards of being a member of a volunteer fire department.

Throughout the day, the Lancaster Fire Department will conduct tours of the station and apparatus (through Facebook Live as well as in person), allow visitors to try on gear, demonstrate firefighting activities, provide information, and address questions on becoming a member.

"We welcome the community to join us during RecruitNY Weekend," said Mark Stonebraker, Chief within the Lancaster Fire Department. "This is an excellent opportunity for people to meet their local volunteer firefighters and learn a bit more about the fire service. We are always looking for new members and it is our hope that after meeting us more people will be interested in becoming a part of our family."

The Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) is committed to assisting New York's 1,700-plus volunteer departments connect with their communities and have sufficient members to protect them properly. Established in 2011, RecruitNY is an undertaking of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York. It is made possible by the continuing support and generosity of Lincoln Financial Group (LFG). In 2012, LFG announced the introduction of a new National LOSAP HEROPLUSSM Program. A first of its kind, Length of Service Award Program, which was designed for individual Fire and Emergency Services departments to help recruit, retain, and reward dedicated volunteers with a program that will help boost their retirement readiness. "The everyday heroes of every community – this is for them", said Bruce Linger, LFG. "Thank you for all you do!"

For more information, visit <https://www.lancasterfd.org/> or call us via a non-emergency phone number at 716-683-1901.