

## **Decatur Fire Department**

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your interest in the Decatur Fire Department. We understand that you are inquiring about membership opportunities within our department. We are a very progressive constantly changing and adapting fire department that covers a large response area out of one central fire station. Our Central Fire Station is located at 1705 South State in Decatur, Texas.

We currently staff 2 Chiefs, one Administration Assistant, 9 career and 36 volunteer members. Our Operational career members work a 24-hour on 48 hour off schedule. Our Operational volunteer members work a 12-hour shift every 9 days; we call this a "9-day". This schedule equates to 3 or 4 mandatory shifts per month. The 12-hour shift can be during the day from 7am to 7pm or at night from 7pm to 7am. We also offer 24 hour shifts for certified Fire/EMS personnel. Members will have the opportunity to earn days off from their shift work through special event and department function participation.

All training goals, by new members, will need to be met at a very aggressive pace during your first year. As a recruit with the Decatur Fire Department you will be expected to obtain, as a minimum, State Firefighter's & Fire Marshals' Association Firefighter 1 & 2 certifications within your first six months. Texas Department of State Health Services Emergency Care Attendant or higher within your first year. If you are already certified, you are ahead. We offer a Fast Track program for applicants who are Certified Firefighter 1 & 2 (TCFP/SFFMA). Our Fast Track program is very dynamic and directly relates to the ability of the applicant to provide documentation of the necessary training.

Decatur Fire Department takes applications year-round for volunteer membership. Please stop by the station at 1705 South State Street in Decatur to retrieve an application (in some situations an application may accompany this letter). We will process those applications once a year to generate a candidate class, in January.

A standard background investigation will be conducted and you will be invited to attend our physical ability testing. As long as you pass the physical ability test you will be given a panel interview date and time. From that point you could be invited to attend our Candidate Training Class. The entire introductory process will take four months minimum. When you make it all the way through the process you could be offered a Probationary Firefighter position within our department starting **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

We at Decatur Fire Department look forward to having you in our candidate process and are pleased to have been considered during your Fire Department selection process. We want you to succeed with your dreams of becoming a firefighter, and hope that we can help along the way. Please let us know if you have any more questions or if you would like to come in for a sit down meeting and station tour.

Professionally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Mara". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Nathan Mara | Training Officer

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