

Unity Fire Department Chief's Desk Article

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Things to consider before you go out

COLD WEATHER SAFETY

- ✓ LIMIT TIME OUTDOORS if at all possible
- ✓ Monitor for signs of frostbite & hypothermia
- ✓ Dress in layers
- ✓ Cover exposed skin
- ✓ Keep pets indoors

COLD

- warm hat
- 2-3 layers
- gloves
- outer layer to keep out wind, wet snow
- boots water proof
- 1-2 layers

EXTREME COLD

- warm hat
- face mask
- 3+ layers 1 insulating
- gloves
- outer layer to keep out wind
- boots water proof
- 2+ layers

Warning Signs of Hypothermia

- Confusion
- Shivering
- Difficulty Speaking
- Sleepiness
- Stiff Muscles

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Extreme Cold Preparedness

- Dead Vehicle Batteries can strand people; expect delays for assistance
- Check tire pressure, antifreeze, heater/defroster
- Most all-season blue windshield washer fluid will freeze below 32 Degrees F
- If traveling , pack blankets jumper cables, fill gas tank, can of dry gas, charge phone
- Diesel fuel will coagulate unless treated with anti-gel

House Preparedness

- Frozen pipes could become a significant problem
- Trickle water through pipes, SAFELY increase heat where pipes are exposed
- Learn how to shut off water valves for potential pipe burst
- Improper use of secondary sources of heat may lead to fires and CO poisoning

Outdoor Activities Preparedness

- Use a scarf to cover your mouth; extreme cold can damage your lungs
- Dress with multiple layers, cover all exposed skin
- Beware of frostbite and hypothermia risk which may happen in minutes

Snowmobiling Safety



Snowmobile safety tips

1. Understand the mechanics of the snowmobile
2. Respect both its capabilities and its limitations
3. Maneuver skillfully through a variety of conditions
4. Know and observe the laws governing snowmobiles
5. Use good judgment
6. Respect others and the environment
7. Always wear a properly fitted helmet
8. Keep at a safe speed, reducing speed at night, in reduced visibility and curves
9. Dress warm enough for conditions
10. **NEVER!!!!** Ride under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

Unity Fire Department Auxiliary

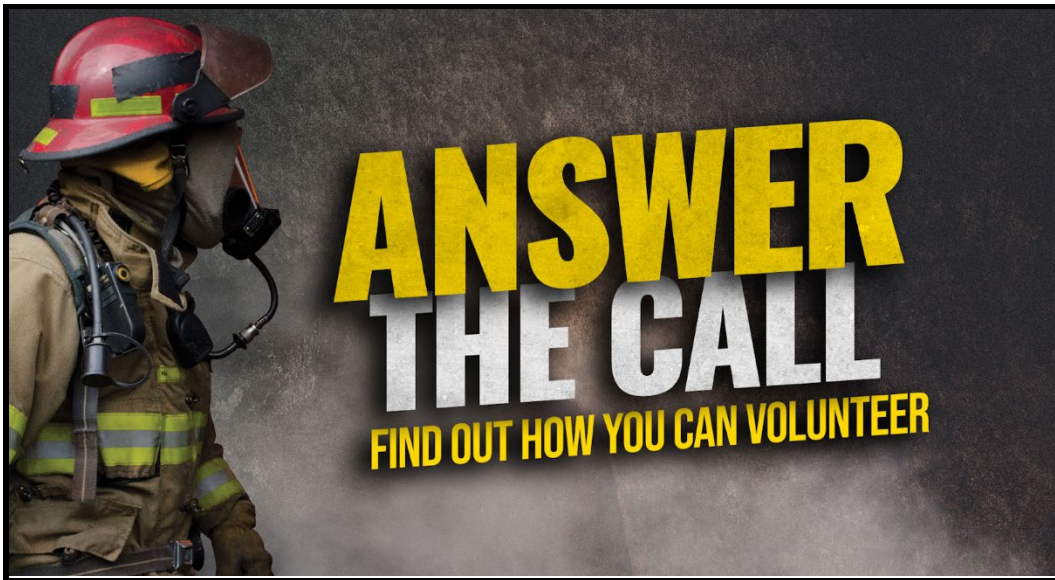
Are you looking to become a member of a great group who support our dedicated crew of the Unity Fire Department?

- We meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Unity Fire Station
- Please contact President Maureen Haley on face book instant messenger, or by phone at (207) 948-5244 for more information. They are always looking for more people to join.

Incident Responses for January 2023

01/07/23	19:45 hours	Standby for Structure fire, Montville	Firehouse Ln, Unity
01/14/23	18:06 hours	Structure Fire	Crosby Brook Rd, Unity
01/19/23	15:49 hours	Elevator Malfunction	Main St, Unity
01/19/23	18:30 hours	Motor Vehicle Collision	Main St. Unity
01/20/23	20:16 hours	Utility Problem/tree on Electrical	Wood Ln, Unity

Recruitment & Retention



The Town of Unity Fire Department is looking for dedicated men or women to serve the community by being a volunteer/call firefighter.

- We are looking for personnel who have a desire to serve and are willing to give of their time to help the community and the visitors to our community.
- The Unity Fire Department is a paid by call department responsible for providing fire protection services to over 2,500 residents in the 52 square miles of the towns of Unity and Unity Plantation limits.
- The department runs an average of 150 calls annually. Unity Fire Department promotes fire prevention and education, responds to fire, and rescue calls.

The members of Unity Fire Department serve our community day and night. We will provide the opportunity for training and certifications for this adventure.

Do you qualify?

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have a valid Driver's License, with no major violations
- An acceptable criminal history
- Be in good physical health and able to carry heavy objects
- Be willing to obtain a CPR/AED/First Aid certification
- Act in a professional manner at all times
- Abide by department and towns policies
- Be willing to get up in the middle of the night to help ANYONE

For more information, please contact Chief [Blaine Parsons \(207\)660-3526 \(Cell\)](#), or email me at bparsons@unityfiredepartment.com