

# Allingtown Fire District

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Gentlemen:

I hope, I have answered all your questions that you were looking for in your questionnaire. Some of your questions were a little vague, but I answered them to the best of my ability. I have been in the career department for 33 years and a member in the volunteer department for 40 years. I attached two pieces of paper that were important to the volunteer department.

Just for additional information the City of West Haven has three separate districts with three career chiefs. The volunteer departments are staffed different in the Allingtown District. We have a chief that is in charge of the volunteers. In the other district they have either a captain or a president. On any emergency incident the career chief is always in charge. Our volunteer department is housed at our headquarters station. They have their own trucks and they purchase their own firefighting equipment. The volunteer department is a completely separate entity. The career department pays for their fuel and insurance for their front line engine. The reason for this is an agreement we have with them. If the career department is short an engine, we have the use of their engine.

I hope I have explained the way we run the career and volunteer department in my district. If you need any other information please feel free to contact me at any time.

Respectfully,

*Chief Peter V. Massaro*