APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS / AMBULANCE WORKERS EXEMPTION 2012-2013

*(For Use In **Nassau County** Only)*

APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITH YOUR ASSESSOR
ON OR BEFORE TAXABLE STATUS DATE

Do not file this application with State Board of Real Property Services

Name and Telephone Number of Owner(s)	**Mailing Address of Owner(s)**
_____	_____
_____	_____
Day No. (_____) _____	_____
Evening No. (_____) _____	_____

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(Property Address, City, State, Zip Code)

Township (circle one): Hempstead North Hempstead Oyster Bay Glen Cove Long Beach

Property identification (see tax bill)

Section-Block-Lot: _____ Building-Unit (Co-op only): _____

Homeowners must attach a copy of the deed or cooperative apartment Certificate of Shares.

Name of incorporated volunteer fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service:

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Relationship to incorporated volunteer fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service indicated above:

☐ Certified by department or service as enrolled member for at least 5 years

☐ Certified by department or service as having accrued at least 20 years of active service (see instructions)

Letter of Certification, which includes the <u>exact</u> date enrolled and current active status, on your volunteer fire department or volunteer ambulance service letterhead.

Does the applicant reside in the city, town, or village served by the incorporated volunteer fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service they are certified in? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the property the primary residence of the applicant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Proof of Residency must be attached – current driver's license, current car registration or 2010 NYS tax return.

Did the applicant previously receive an exemption for service in a volunteer fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate name of jurisdiction (municipality) and last year in which exemption was granted.

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Certification (All volunteer(s) owners must sign)

I (We) certify that all of the above information made on this application is true and correct and that the property listed above is my (our) legal primary residence. I (We) understand it is my (our) obligation <u>to provide any documentation of eligibility that is requested</u> and to notify the assessor if I (we) relocate to another primary residence. I (We) understand that any willfully false statements of fact will be grounds for disqualification from further exemption for a period of five years and a fine as set forth in New York State Real Property Tax Law.

_____	_____	**(_____)**
Signature	Signature	Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS / AMBULANCE WORKERS EXEMPTION

Computation and duration of exemption: The exemption is available only to members of incorporated volunteer fire companies, fire departments or incorporated volunteer ambulance services who have been certified as being active enrolled members for at least five years. In addition, at further local option of the county, city, town or village, the exemption may be granted for the life of an enrolled member who has accrued more than twenty years of active service.

The exemption may be granted only to applicants who reside in the county, city, town or village served by the fire company, fire department or ambulance service. The exemption is available only to the primary residence of the applicant and only to property (or the portion thereof) exclusively used for residential purposes.

The unmarried spouse of a deceased member of a fire company, fire department or ambulance company, already receiving the exemption and having twenty (20) years of active service ***or*** the un-remarried spouse of a member of a volunteer fire company, fire department or ambulance service killed in the line of duty and already receiving the exemption is eligible.

The exemption equals 10 percent of the assessed value of the property for general tax purposes. This exemption may also apply to your school tax if your local school district has adopted a resolution pertaining to Section 466-c of the NYS Real Property Tax Law. However, for village tax purposes, where the property previously received the $500 exemption authorized by Section 466 of the Real Property Tax Law, the minimum exemption is $500.

Place and time of filing application: The application must be filed annually in the Department of Assessment on or before taxable status date for applicants with less than 20 years of service. For applicants that live in a city or incorporated village, a separate application may have to be filed with the city or village assessor. The taxable status date in most towns, including those within Nassau County, is January 2nd. The taxable status date in cities is governed by city charter. The taxable status date for most villages which assess is January 1st, but the village clerk should be consulted for variations. Proof of Certification of enrolled membership in the fire company or department or ambulance service shall be as required by the county, town or village authorizing the exemption. Proof of ownership (i.e. deed) of the property needs to be filed if the applicant is a new homeowner. The assessor requires proof of primary residence (e.g. car registration, driver's license) be submitted with this application.

Para asistencia en Español llame al (516) 571-2020.

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Date application filed: _____

Status of application: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied
☐ Ownership
☐ Residency
☐ Certification

Assessor's Signature _____ Date _____