

Glenville Hill Fire Dept.
1086 Church Rd.
Scotia, NY 12302

Dear Firefighters

I have been learning a lot about you lately and seeing all the good things you do. Firefighters is it true that you have to carry a 180 pound dummy or is it less or more pounds? Firefighters do the volunteer firefighters fight fires and do some of the medical stuff or is it all of the firefighter do the medical emergencies and the volunteer do some of the medical emergencies? I know that firefighters have to pass physical tests but how long do you have to do the physical tests and what are the physical tests? Like are some tests easy and some hard or are all of the tests hard? Is it true that there are over 800,000 people as a firefighter? Oh and, ps I'm in 3rd grade.

Sincerely,
Gabriel

Gabriel [redacted]
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Scotia, NY 12302

Dear Gabriel,

Thank you for your letter and your support! I have been a member of Glenville Hill for 4 years. The gear we put on is approximately 50-75# pounds, when we train to be firefighters sometimes we do have to carry a dummy that can weigh from 150 pounds to 180 pounds. As a volunteer fire-fighter, we not only fight fires, but respond to medical emergencies, and car accidents. Some firefighters like myself are ~~speci~~ trained to deal with medical emergencies. The physical tests for firefighters has to be completed in 10 minutes and 20 seconds. Some of the physical tests are a stair climb, hose drag, equipment carry, search and rescue and ceiling breach and pull. Some of these tests are hard because you also have to wear a vest that weights 50 pounds while you are testing. Yes it is true that there are over 800,000 firefighters. Thank you again for the letter and if you have anymore questions let me know.

Sincerely,
Jessica Young