



VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS EXEMPTION

(NYS RPTL 466-c)

A 10 percent exemption from Town, County, School and Special Districts charges for qualified enrolled volunteers with the mandated number of years of active service, based on the following criteria:

- Property must be owned by the volunteer OR such volunteer and spouse.
- Only one exemption per person, even if an individual qualifies both as a volunteer firefighter and as a volunteer ambulance worker.
- Where two (or more) qualified volunteers own property together, that property may receive multiple exemptions.
- The exemption is limited to the volunteer's primary residence in the Town of Huntington.
- The volunteer does not need to reside in the District they serve.
- Volunteers with 20 certified years need not be current active and may receive the exemption for life.
- The District in which the volunteer serves must be in the Town of Huntington.
- The District in which the 20-year volunteer served may have been anywhere in Suffolk County.
- Completed application MUST be filed with the Town Assessor's Office (by March 1) and MUST include a valid CERTIFICATION from the District regarding the volunteer's active years of service.
- Permits the un-remarried surviving spouse of a Volunteer killed in the line of duty to retain the 10 percent exemption previously granted to the Volunteer who had at least 5 years of service.
- Permits the un-remarried surviving spouse of a deceased Volunteer who had 20 years of active service to retain the ten percent exemption previously granted to the Volunteer.



File by March 1 (Taxable Status Date) to be considered for the following December tax bill. Valid Certification from District is necessary and required.

Did You Know?

The Town of Huntington takes pride in assisting all fire department and rescue squads in their search for volunteers. There is a recruitment campaign underway for new members. The Town of Huntington, along with area fire departments and rescue squads, will be happy to answer any questions about volunteering. The special hot-line number is 1-631-351-3138 or visit the website: www.huntingtonlifesavers.org. The contact person will put you in touch with your local fire department or emergency medical service squad.