

Oath of Office Sample
for
Firefighters

Today we are here for a swearing in ceremony for firefighters, one of the world's most honored but dangerous occupations. When there is an emergency in the community, firefighters are one of the first on the scene. Firefighters are there at devastating ravages of fire, motor vehicle accidents, tornadoes, hazardous material incidents, rescue operations, explosions, medical emergencies and many other critical incidents.

Firefighters are civil servants as sworn officers, following standard policies and procedures of the fire service and standard operating procedures of their departments; they are there to prevent human suffering and death, to stabilize the incident and prevent damages and loss of property.

It is a great honor to have this opportunity to swear in these recruits of the (name) Fire Department, (call out each of those to be sworn).

Will you please raise your right hand, and repeat after me:

I, (your name), do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of (Name of state) against all enemies, both foreign and domestic, and I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as firefighter of the (name of department, city, township, etc.) under the appointment of the department according to the laws of the (State, township, county) to the best of my skills and abilities, so help me God.

A prayer for recruits is often followed.

Dear God, we pray for these newly sworn firefighters. We pray that You will protect each of them as they go into uncertain incidents and dangers as they fulfill the duties they have sworn here to uphold. Holy God, give these firefighters clarity of mind, to recall the training they have had, give them nerves of steel as they encounter stressors in their routine jobs as a firefighters that most people can never even imagine. Give them the strength and courage to do the job they have sworn and affirmed to do here today.

Holy Father, keep their families in Your great arms of love as their firefighters go into harms-way as they do their jobs. Lord, keep them from danger and keep them safe, through Thy Holy Name We pray.

Amen.