

What is a CFA Volunteer

To me, a CFA Volunteer is a person who belongs to an organization that we are all proud to be a member of. To a volunteer, it's like belonging to a close knit family.

If you asked 100 members why they joined or why they remain in the CFA then you would probably get 100 different answers, but the common thread that runs through us all is that,

We belong because we can and because we want to.

We are a strange breed of person (to the outside world)

We don't get paid

We give our time freely – weekends and nights

As they say 24 / 7

We don't take holidays or days off from the organization

We leave our families and loved ones at the drop of a hat when our pager or siren sounds

We leave a nice warm bed

We leave that beautiful roast that has just been served

We put our life on the line for someone else in need

We do our training and put our trust in our fellow firefighter

And all because we are a CFA Volunteer

We do our job, we return to the station, re stow the truck and put it away for the next call

Then we get on with what ever we were doing before the siren sounded and the pager went off

We return to our "normal life"

When I'm crawling around drains or looking at a wall of flames or sleeping under a tanker because it's the safest place to sleep, do I check my sanity meter, sometimes, but then I remember, I belong to a special group of people who are trained and willing to give their time freely, to help someone else in the community, because, I am a CFA volunteer.

We don't look for accolades

Or the tag "Hero"

Or parades and specially struck medals

We do it because we want to and because we can

A simple thank you is enough

And all because "We are a CFA Volunteer"


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