

## **Ministry Idea – Volunteer Firefighting**

If we are not careful preachers can become hermits that hole up in their offices and never reach out to the lost. In fact, it can be easy to justify. “I’m just not that good at interacting with non-Christians” or “I’m just trying to focus on building up the flock with having well researched lessons and bible classes.”

We all know that doesn’t excuse us from needing to reach the lost. That was our Lord’s focus, so it should be ours as well.

That said, for the last year or so I have been volunteer firefighting in Harrisburg, PA. I did this in large part because of COVID. My normal way of getting studies was interrupted because people were holed up at home. So I wanted a way to get in their homes!

Not only has this given me opportunities in the community, but it has given me opportunities with my fellow firefighters — in the academy classes I have had to take, as well as the guys in the station that I run with. I have had a total of 4 people that I have studied with, and continue to study with. And one of those has resulted in a baptism! Sister Cheyna worships with us now. That doesn’t include the countless conversations I have had about spiritual things, as well as people listening to our podcast.

In short, get out there. Volunteer. Maybe it isn’t firefighting, maybe its coaching sports, homeschool groups, etc... Find something that fits you and gets you out there with the lost sheep.

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