

MetCom Announces **Adopt- A- Hydrant** Program



Partnership. The Metropolitan Commission and the local Volunteer Fire Departments are asking the community to partner with us in our Adopt-A-Hydrant program. Adopting a fire hydrant close to your home or business will assist fire fighters by keeping hydrants cleared of snow during the winter and free of vegetation / debris in the summer.

Benefits. In the unfortunate event of a fire, the quicker the Volunteer Fire Departments can have access to water, the quicker they are able to put a fire out. Hydrant accessibility can also help to prevent loss of property and/or life. You can help in this quest by adopting a hydrant and making sure that it is easily reachable throughout the year.

Who Can Participate? Anyone may participate in the program provided they are 18 years or older. Participants under 18 years of age must have an adult sponsor. Examples of participants include; individuals/families, neighborhood groups, community organizations, boy/girl scouts, places of worship, schools, and businesses. Brochures are available on the MetCom website, at either of the MetCom offices or at any of the local Volunteer Fire Departments. St Mary's County Fire Chief Gary Bell stated that:

“The St Mary's County fire chiefs are happy to partner with the St Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to "Adopt a Fire Hydrant" program. Please help us by keeping the fire hydrant nearest your residence or business clear of snow, leaves and debris.”



Selecting a Hydrant. Applicants may search for a fire hydrant near them by visual observation or by using our online [Hydrant Locator](#) and selecting one that is available for adoption. Applicants may also propose a hydrant name for the hydrant they adopt (*subject to approval by MetCom staff*). For an Application Form, please [click here](#) or email MetCom at AdoptAHydrant@metcom.org and staff will work with you to adopt an available hydrant or answer any questions you might have about this new program. An informational [brochure](#) is also available for printing.