



# Selective Service System

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Dear Mayor,

The Selective Service System is looking for civic-minded men and women from Sussex County who would be willing to serve as members of your local Selective Service board.

With the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2017 by Congress, a renewed focus is placed on ensuring that local Selective Service boards are fully staffed and trained.

The Selective Service board that serves Sussex County is a group of five citizen volunteers whose mission, upon a draft, will be to decide who among the registrants in Sussex County will receive deferments, postponements, or exemption from military service based on the individual registrant's circumstances and beliefs.

**Local Board members are appointed by the Director of Selective Service in the name of the President, on recommendations made by the Governor of New Jersey.** Some requirements to be a board member are that they be:

- U.S. citizens
- at least 18 years old
- not be a member of a law enforcement occupation (example: police officer or judge)
- not a retired or active member of the Armed Forces or any Reserve component
- not have been convicted of any criminal offense.

Nation-wide, over 11,000 volunteers are currently trained in Selective Service regulations and procedures so that if a draft is reinstated, they will be able to fulfill their obligations fairly and equitably. Board members undergo an initial 8-hour training session and then participate in annual training in which they review sample cases similar to real-life situations.

We are having a difficult time spreading the call for civic-minded volunteers in rural areas, such as Sussex County. **Can you please discuss this call for volunteers at your next governing body meeting, highlighting the need for volunteers?**

Please encourage interested volunteers to visit our website at <https://www.sss.gov/Volunteers/Board-Member-Program> This website will discuss the purpose and function of a board, and allow potential volunteers to enter their contact information. When we receive a notice that a volunteer has expressed interest in serving, we will contact them to begin the application and interview process.

Thank you for your time and leadership in publicizing this important civic need in your municipality.

Respectfully,

The Officers of the New Jersey Selective Service Detachment

