



Stamford Fire Department

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Stamford, Texas 79553

Subject: Volunteer Membership
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2.01 Qualifications

To be an active member of the Stamford Fire Department, a member shall:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a resident of Stamford
- Have a valid Texas driver's license
- Have insurance coverage on private vehicle
- Have a good driving record
- Have no felony convictions or pending felony charges
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent, unless an exception is granted by the Fire Chief or in the Cadet Program

Driver's license and insurance information shall be supplied at the time of application for membership. The Department shall have a background check of potential members conducted to validate compliance with the above items.

2.02 Apparatus drivers

In order to be qualified to drive any SFD apparatus, a member shall have a Class B exemption as required by the State of Texas, and complete 6 months probation, complete the required driver training and testing as set up by the Department. Cost of the license shall be borne by the member.

2.03 Probation

All members shall be on probationary status during the first six months of membership. Probationary status may be extended upon recommendation of any SFD officer or the membership with a 2/3 majority vote. If background checks are positive, probationary status shall begin at the time the prospective member's application is voted on by SVFD membership.

At the end of the six month probationary period, the membership shall vote to keep or dismiss any probationary members. This shall be done with a 2/3 majority vote of the membership.

The probationary firefighter shall be issued a Paul Conway Blue Modern Style structure helmet for one (1) year. The probationary firefighter shall be issued an SCBA mask upon successful completion of 6 months probation and after the probationary firefighter has shown proficiency with an SCBA to two (2) officers of the Stamford Fire Department.

The right to wear a Stamford Fire Department yellow traditional helmet MUST be earned.



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2.04 Minimum Required Participation

In order to obtain active membership, a member shall respond to 40% of the emergency calls (as appropriate) and 50% of the drills (as appropriate), and participate in fundraising activities and required activities, unless extenuating circumstances exist.

2.05 Other Required Activities

Members shall be responsible for assisting in cleaning the apparatus bays, driver's office, and apparatus, PPE and equipment maintenance as required.

2.06 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

All personnel shall use only NFPA 1971 approved PPE issued by the Stamford Fire Department. All personal PPE shall have prior approval of the Fire Chief before usage.

2.07 Use of emergency warning lights on personal owned vehicles (POV)

Probationary members shall not install any type of emergency warning device on their POV until the end of the 6 month probationary period.

Members will be given a copy of SOP 29, and 30 before being allowed to use emergency lighting on their Pov.

Members shall not install any type of permanently mounted emergency lightbar on their vehicle.

Only RED emergency lights shall be used on a POV, **NO RED/BLUE** combination will be allowed.

All emergency warning devices shall have prior approval of the Fire Chief before the member uses the emergency warning device on the member's POV.

ANY ABUSE OF EMERGENCY WARNING DEVICES SHALL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE MEMBER'S POV AND APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN.

2.07 Equipment issued by the Stamford Fire Department

All equipment issued by the Stamford Fire Department shall be returned to the Department upon separation with the Fire Department. The following is a partial list of equipment issued by the SFD:

All Personal Protective Equipment, uniforms including badges, Tee shirts, caps, pagers, radios, and all written material to include SOPs, and training manuals.