

Towanda Community Fire Protection District

General Membership Rules

1. Every member will serve a minimum probation period of six (6) months, and a maximum of eighteen (18) months to complete the following requirements:
 - a. \$50 application fee (refundable after completion of probationary status)
 - b. A police background check.
 - c. A physical exam to demonstrate fitness for firefighting and rescue (within 30 days of application).
 - d. Department physical agility test and SCBA fitness test (within 30 days of application).
 - e. 12 hours of New Member Training (within 90 days of application).
 - f. 15 hours of first aid training (or certification as First Responder or EMT)
 - g. An essentials of firefighting class (certificate from County School or Fire College)
 - h. Annual CPR training (January)
 - i. Annual TB test (January)
 - j. Annual Blood borne Pathogen training (January)
 - k. Hepatitis B vaccination series or waver. This is from Bromenn Hospital Occupational Medicine Office. The cost of the vaccination is billed directly to the fire department.
 - l. Obtain appropriate drivers license to drive fire department apparatus.
2. Regular training is from 7 to 10 PM on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
3. There will be additional departmental training sessions during the year (house burns, extrication, etc.)

4. There will be additional off site training each year (County School, Fire College, NICOR Fire School, Certification Classes, Disaster Drill, etc.)
5. If there is a fee for offsite training, the fee is reimbursed when a certificate is issued.
6. Every member is expected to train regularly. More than six (6) unexcused absences in a year will result in a membership review by the Board of Review (Assistant Chief, Line Officer, and a Firefighter) and possible termination of membership.
7. Each member is expected to respond to every page if possible and report directly to the station until released by the officer in-charge.
8. No member having three (3) or more alcoholic drinks in less than three (3) hours preceding the page or under the influence of drugs is to respond to the page!
9. No member under the influence of alcohol (1 drink) will be allowed to drive or respond to medical call or wreck.
10. No member making less than 50% of the expected regular training sessions will be paid for meetings and calls for the year.
11. A member may submit a letter of resignation to the Chief, requesting termination of duties.
12. A member after three (3) years of service may request a leave from duties for up to six months.
13. No member resigning or dismissed from the department will be paid before the second Wednesday of December