



## WADING RIVER FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

### *1.4 Active Member Status Requirements Policy*

The Board of Fire Commissioners in conjunction with the Chief's Office is providing this explanation and implementation procedure of our Active Member Status Requirements Policy

The Wading River Fire District has the following member classifications:

1. ACTIVE- as defined is any MEMBER (upon acceptance of membership) who is deemed physically able by means of an annual physical and as a result must respond and participate on any and all fire department alarms and is listed on the Fire District attendance and insurance rolls. An ACTIVE member is therefore eligible to receive the benefits and privileges availed to them by the Wading River Fire District. Active status will be defined as per the categories defined in the Physical Examination Policy 5.5.

Note: If an individual does not meet the criteria set forth in the above definition that individual shall not be considered an active member of the Fire Department and will not be eligible to receive the benefits and privileges accorded to active members by the Wading River Fire District.

To become an active member of the Wading River Fire District you must:

- 1) Get approval through the Wading River Fire District
- 2) Respond to calls/alarms.
- 3) Have the appropriate physical conducted by the Wading River Fire District's designee, which includes being found fit for active duty with this appropriate physical.
- 4) A federal, state, county and local criminal background along with a driving license check will be conducted.
- 5) Supply the Wading River Fire District Secretary and Chief's Office with the appropriately completed membership forms and its findings.

To maintain an active status in the Wading River Fire District the member must meet all of the requirements below:

- 1) Active status membership requires attendance to 20% of total alarms for anyone holding the rank of Chief, 18% of total alarms for anyone holding the rank of Lieutenant and Captain, 10% of total alarms for any Member not holding the rank of officer, 5% for ex-chiefs and life members (25 years or more of active status membership). All attendance records will be based on the calendar year and recorded on forms provided by the district.
- 2) Comply with the minimum requirements for the category of active status membership (i.e. Interior, Exterior, EMS, Officer, Support Staff, and Fire Police)
- 3) Comply with the rules and requirements, policies and guidelines of the Office of the Chief.
- 4) Comply with the rules and requirements, policies and guidelines of the Fire District.
- 5) Have an annual physical, by the Wading River Fire District's Vendor Physician(s), in accordance with district policy and being found fit for active duty with this appropriate physical.
- 6) Respond to calls/alarms in accordance with classifications per Physical Examination Policy 5.5.

Any active status member as defined who is suspended for failure to adhere to any departmental or district policy, rule, requirement or guideline or who resigns; is as a result denied all benefits and privileges availed to them. Those who are suspended or who resign cannot use the Wading River Fire District, Wading River Fire Department name for any self-advancement or self-benefit.

The Wading River Fire District a/k/a Wading River Board of Fire Commissioners is the governing body for all District real property, employee(s), membership, LOSAP, suspension(s), apparatus and District event(s) (i.e. chief's elections, installation, etc.) This status is delineated under New York State Laws and at no point does any other group/individual usurp these applicable NYS Laws.

Related Policy:

- 1.12 Disciplinary Procedure Policy
- 5.5 Physical Examination Policy

Adopted by the Wading River Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners on Monday, 09/26/11.

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