

Town of Oswego Fire District

Active Membership Policy

BOUNDRIES:

Residency boundaries for Active members of the Town of Oswego Fire District are as follows:

All of the Town of Oswego

West side of the Oswego River in the City of Oswego.

No further than 1.5 road miles from the border of the Town of Oswego

45% Rule:

No more than 45% of the membership may be from outside the actual fire district. (Town of Oswego)

APPLICANTS:

Applicants for membership must be a resident of the Town of Oswego, a resident within the stated boundaries or due to occupation is available to render active service to the Fire District.

Membership shall terminate when any volunteer member ceases to be a resident of described areas above, except that the Fire Department may authorize the members continued membership when he/she notifies the Secretary of the Department 30 days prior of the actual cessation of residency that he/she plans to change his/her residence to a territory outside of the Town of Oswego, but within one of the recognized exceptions to residency in the district, being residence within the "vicinity" of the district as described above or being able to leave work while in the district to attend an emergency. That by reason of his/her new residence within the above boundaries of the Fire District or by his/her usual occupation within the above boundries; he/she will be available to render active service as a volunteer in the Fire District.

The active members must vote on this continuation of membership in this instance.

Any membership so continued shall automatically terminate when such member can no longer meet the requirements of the residency exception. The vote of the membership shall not become effective until the Fire District approves, by Resolution, such continuation. However, if the District fails to act upon such continuation, either by approval or disapproving the continuation of such, membership shall be deemed approved seventy (70) days after service of written notice by the Department of such election shall have been made by the Secretary of the Department upon the District, either personally or by mail.

APPOINTED MEMBER:

The ongoing use of another New York State Fire Company's member. There must be an acknowledgment from the Chief of the firefighters "home" department. The firefighter will have to meet all active member requirements.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL FITNESS

In order to serve as an Interior Firefighter, a member must be able to perform the following activities:

- a.) Safely wear fifty (50) pounds of gear for sixty (60) minutes.
- b.) Safely throw and climb an extension ladder while wearing fifty (50) pounds of gear, carrying a ten (10) pound saw.
- c.) Crawl for 30 minutes while wearing such gear.
- d.) Hear voices at a reasonable audible level from the distance of 15', though use of a hearing aid is permissible.
- e.) Hear radio communications at a reasonable audible level 6" from a radio speaker, though use of a hearing aid is permissible.
- f.) See at least 100' without any significant impairment, though use of corrective lenses is acceptable.
- g.) Drag a person of 175 pounds utilizing two arms.
- h.) Carry a 12' ladder by oneself and place such ladder against a building.
- i.) Don an air pack and mask and breath through such mask while on air for one cylinder.
- j.) Be physically and mentally capable of performing all the above tasks while wearing an air pack.
- k.) Bend, reach and flex so as to be able to lift and place heavy objects.
- l.) Speak clearly so as to be understood.
- m.) Have the mental capacity to understand and competently deal with hazardous emergency situations.
- n.) Be able to work in the dark and heat and in confined spaces.
- o.) Pass the District's medical evaluation.

In order to serve as a Scene Support Firefighter, a member must be able to perform the following activities:

- a.) Safely wear twenty five (25) pounds of gear for sixty (60) minutes.
- b.) Hear voices at a reasonable audible level from the distance of 15', though use of a hearing aid is permissible.
- c.) Hear radio communications at a reasonable audible level 6" from a radio speaker, though use of a hearing aid is permissible.
- d.) See at least 100' without any significant impairment, though use of corrective lenses is acceptable.
- e.) Carry a 12' ladder by oneself and place such ladder against a building.
- f.) Bend, reach and flex so as to be able to lift and place heavy objects.
- g.) Have the mental capacity to understand and competently deal with hazardous emergency situations.
- h.) Pass the District's medical evaluation.

In order to serve as an EMS Provider, a member must be able to perform the following activities:

- a.) Hear voices at a reasonable audible level from a distance of 15', though use of a hearing aid is permissible.
- b.) Hear radio communications at a reasonable audible level 6" from a radio speaker, though use of a hearing aid is permissible.
- c.) See at least 100' without any significant impairment, though use of corrective lenses is acceptable.
- d.) Have the mental capacity to understand and competently deal with hazardous emergency situations.
- e.) Bend, reach and flex so as to be able to lift and place heavy objects.
- f.) Complete all information on Pre Hospital Care reports.
- g.) Satisfactorily complete the New York State curriculum for Certified First Responder or above.
- h.) Pass the District's medical evaluation.

APPLICATION POLICY

Applicant must fill out all required information in the application packet.

The Fire District will perform a background check(s) on an applicant, any history of arson, sex crime, felonies, theft, assault, drug sale or use or any misdemeanor may disqualify applicant. Background checks may be obtained from any or multiple agencies, at the discretion of the Fire District. Refusal to authorize Fire District to do a criminal background check will disqualify applicant.

Any information falsified on application will disqualify applicant immediately or in the future.

Applicant must meet requirements of the Active membership policy.

Application will be presented to Fire District after Department approval.

Applicants denied by the Fire District must wait a minimum of twelve (12) months before they may reapply.

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