

Proposed Bylaws Change for approval at the 2018 convention.

#### **ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall consist of the following sections:

1. Active Members
2. Honorary Members
3. Associate Members
4. Retired Members
5. Fire Departments
6. Sustaining Members
7. Corporate Members
8. Educational Institutions
9. Educational Members
10. Directors/Councilman
11. Junior Fire Fighters/ Cadet Fire Fighters
12. EMS Service and 9-1-1 Dispatch PSAP
13. EMS/9-1-1 Individual Members

All memberships are non-transferrable.

##### **Section 1. Active Members**

Shall be limited to fire fighters, members or employees of an FDID registered fire department in the State of Missouri and pays dues as required. Active members shall be entitled to vote, hold office and have all benefits of membership. They may hold an appointed position as directed by the FFAM President or Board of Directors. Any active member whose department is dissolved will have their membership transferred to a sustaining membership. Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors.

##### **Section 2. Honorary Members**

Shall be limited to persons whose outstanding contribution to the Fire Service deserves special recognition. They shall be approved by the Board of Directors. They shall hold membership for life and have all the privileges of active membership except voting and holding of an elected office. They shall not be required to pay dues.

##### **Section 3. Associate Members**

Associate membership requires the individual to show proof of active membership in good standing with any FDID registered fire department, EMS service or a 9-1-1 dispatch PSAP in the State of Missouri and pays dues as required. Members shall have all benefits of an active member except voting and holding an elected office. They may hold an appointed position as directed by the FFAM President or Board of Directors. Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors. **Individuals join as an Associate Member when their recognized fire department, EMS service or 9-1-1 entity do not join FFAM.**

##### **Section 4. Retired Members**

Any fire fighter, member or employee who is a retired member of an FDID registered fire department in the State of Missouri shall hold membership for life and have all benefits of an

active member except voting and holding an elected office. They may hold an appointed position as directed by the FFAM President or Board of Directors but may not chair committees. If the retired member's department is not a member, the retired member must show proof of retirement from their designated department. They shall not be required to pay dues.

#### **Section 5. Fire Departments**

A fire department or fire protection district recognized with an FDID registration number from the State of Missouri and pays dues as required. The personnel of such an organization may be career employees, volunteers, or any combination thereof, and function under the legal authority of the federal, state, county, municipal governments, public service district, incorporation association or fire protection district. Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 6. Sustaining Members**

Sustaining Membership shall be individuals, fire support organizations or industries operating a fire department/brigade that desire to be a supporter of FFAM and pays dues as required. Membership is provided with all benefits of an active member except insurance benefits, voting and holding an elected office. They may hold an appointed position as directed by the FFAM President or Board of Directors but may not chair committees. Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 7. Corporate Members**

Corporate Members shall be businesses, firms or corporations that desire to be a supporter of FFAM and pays dues as required. Membership is provided with benefits set by the Board of Directors. Corporate Members are excluded from insurance benefits, voting and holding an elected office. Members may not serve on any committees. Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 8. Educational Institutions**

An institution recognized by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, technical school, private school or other educational institution and pays dues as required. Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 9. Educational Members**

The students, educators and employees of such an institution recognized by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, technical school, private school or other educational institution and pays dues as required. Membership is provided with all benefits of an active member except insurance benefits, voting and holding an elected office. They may hold an appointed position as directed by the FFAM President or Board of Directors but may not chair committees. Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 10. Directors/Councilman**

Directors/Councilman shall be elected persons of a State of Missouri FDID registered fire department or fire protection district's governing body that function under the legal authority of the federal, state, county, municipal governments, public service district, incorporation association or fire protection district. Directors/Councilman members shall have all benefits of

an active member except voting and holding of office. They may hold an appointed position as directed by the FFAM President or Board of Directors but may not chair committees. They shall not be required to pay dues.

**Section 11. Junior Fire Fighters/ Cadet Fire Fighters**

Shall be limited to junior fire fighters/cadet fire fighters of an FDID registered fire department in the State of Missouri and pays dues as required. Members shall have all benefits of an active member except voting and holding an elected office. They may hold an appointed position as directed by the FFAM President or Board of Directors but may not chair committees. Any junior fire fighter/cadet fire fighter member whose department is dissolved will have their membership transferred to a sustaining membership. Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors

**Section 12. EMS Service and 9-1-1 Dispatch PSAP**

An EMS service or 9-1-1 dispatch PSAP recognized by the State of Missouri and pays dues as required. The personnel of such an organization may be career employees, volunteers, or any combination thereof, and function under the legal authority of the federal, state, county, municipal governments, public service district or incorporation association. Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors.

**Section 13. EMS/9-1-1 Individual Members**

Shall be limited to EMT's, paramedics, members or employees of an EMS service or 9-1-1 dispatch PSAP in the State of Missouri and pays dues as required. Members shall have all benefits of an active member except voting and holding an elected office. They may hold an appointed position as directed by the FFAM President or Board of Directors. Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VI - DUES**

Annual dues shall be as follows:

Active Members - \$10.00; Honorary Members – no dues; Associate Members - \$15.00;  
Retired Members – no dues; Fire Departments - \$50.00 if including individual members. \$150.00 if department only; Sustaining Members - \$15.00;  
Corporate Members - \$50.00; Educational Institutions - ~~\$25.00~~ \$50.00; Educational Members - ~~\$7.50~~ \$10.00;  
Directors/Councilman – no dues; Junior Fire Fighters/Cadet Fire Fighters - \$10.00; EMS Service and 9-1-1 Dispatch PSAP - \$50.00 if including individual members. \$150.00 if entity only; EMS/9-1-1 Individual Members - \$10.00.

\$3.00 of each active member's dues will be designated to the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation and will be paid to the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation biannually.

All membership dues are due and payable on the first day of January of each calendar year. If membership dues are not paid by the set due date, membership will be void until such time as dues are paid. Membership dues are not prorated. Membership begins when dues are paid and received by the Secretary/Treasurer and ends December 31 of each calendar year.