

## Prospective WAMAA Member Criteria

The Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Association does allow some local Fire Departments to join our Association. Certain criteria has been set for membership. Below, you will find the criteria. If you have any questions, or your department is interested in joining, feel free to contact us.

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### ARTICLE I: Preamble and Purpose

Section 1: The purpose of establishing guidelines for new members is to maintain a high level of participating departments who desire to maintain favorable relationships between area fire departments while we strive to make our organization the best Mutual Aid Association possible.

### ARTICLE II: Criteria for new member departments

Section 1: Departments requesting membership shall be required to furnish the following information upon request:

A. A complete list of all resources the department has including but not limited to:

1. Level of training for all department members including Firefighter I & II; Fire Officer 1, 2 & 3; Hazardous Materials Levels; Medical Training (Medical First Responder, EMT); Confined Space (Awareness, Basic, Intermediate); Trench Rescue; High Angle Rescue; Etc.
2. Level of and current list of certified Instructors/Trainers.
3. List of specialty resources and capability, including such areas as High Angle Rescue; Extrication; Water Rescue; Ice Rescue; Technical Rescue, Confined Space; Etc.
4. General Equipment and Resources, such as Engines, Rescues Ladders, Etc. the department has.

### ARTICLE III: Fees to Join

Section 1: If a department is accepted into the Association, the following fees will be assessed at that time. The department will be expected to pay the fees prior to becoming an Active Member as described in the Association By-Laws.

- A. A one time assessment of \$300 shall be paid upon approval of the departments membership until December 31, 2000.
- B. Any department desiring to apply for membership after December 31, 2000 shall be assessed an additional \$100 per calendar year for each subsequent year or portion thereof.
- C. Annually, membership fees will be assessed in accordance with Association By-Laws.

### ARTICLE IV: Probationary Period

Section 1: A one year probationary period shall be established beginning on the date the department becomes an Active Member.

- A. During that first year, the department will be expected to attend at least 75% of the Chiefs and Membership meetings.
- B. Display the desire to participate in committee functions and training sponsored by the Association.
- C. Abide by all guidelines as set forth in the Association By-Laws.

**ARTICLE V. Department Location**

Section 1: Any department wishing to apply for membership shall be contiguous to some portion of Washtenaw County.

**ARTICLE VI: Department Overview**

Section 1: A committee comprising of 5 members shall be appointed to gather information, investigate and present a report to the Chiefs Committee the factual information as presented by the department making application.

- A. The committee shall be comprised of the Association President; either the Chiefs Committee Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson; and three other members (at least Officer level or above) in good standing.

Section 2: As part of the application process, the committee shall visit the department making application so as to obtain an overview of the department.

Section 3: After the committee has done a thorough inquiry into the facts as described above, the committee shall present a report to the Chiefs Committee.

**ARTICLE VII: Acceptance into the Association**

Section 1: Final acceptance into the Mutual Aid Association shall be at the sole discretion of the Chiefs Committee.

Section 2: The Chiefs Committee shall vote to either accept or deny membership of a prospective member department. Acceptance into the Association shall only be after a majority vote of current WAMAA departments.

Section 3: Any prospective member Department may have it's membership revoked if it's found the new member does not fulfill the conditions as set forth.