TRAINING CATEGORIES

SOP 1301 – TRAINING CATEGORIES

The Dix Hills Fire Department has established the following Categories for Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services. All Members of the Dix Hills Fire Department Must maintain the qualifications of at least one (1) category to remain a Member in Good Standing. Applicants entering the Dix Hills Fire Department as Probationary Members will only be categorized as Interior Firefighter or Rescue Squad Member.

INTERIOR FIREFIGHTER

a. All Members of the Interior Firefighter category Must be certified by the Dix Hills Fire District's Medical Office and maintain their Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) qualification annually.
b. All members of the Interior Firefighter category must maintain their Bail Out Qualification annually.
c. All Members of this category Shall maintain their training requirements as outlined in SOP 1302 for Interior Firefighter
d. All Probationary Members Must comply with requirements set forth in SOP 1401 and 1402 in addition to the requirement of SOP 1302
e. A Member of this category may operate at the scene on any emergency in accordance with established SOP's.

EXTERIOR FIREFIGHTER

a. Any Interior Firefighter with a minimum of fifteen (15) years of service as a Member of the Dix Hills Fire Department in Good Standing may apply for Exterior Firefighter status through their respective Company Captain.
b. Any Interior Firefighter who sustains an injury or illness which renders them incapable of maintaining the requirements of their current category and upon approval by the Dix Hills Fire Districts Medical Office may apply for Exterior Firefighter status if their illness or injury does NOT prevent them from maintaining the requirements to remain in Good Standing as an Exterior Firefighter Member.
c. It Shall be at the discretion of Officer's Council to grant Exterior Firefighter status to those who qualify. Exterior Firefighter status is a privilege and is NOT guaranteed right of all Members and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
d. All Members of the Exterior Firefighter category:
    1. Must be certified by the Dix Hills Fire District's Medical Office.
    2. Shall maintain their training requirements as outlined in SOP 1302 for Exterior Firefighters.
    3. May operate at the scene of any emergency provided their assignment does NOT require the use of an SCBA.
    4. Will NOT go on any Mutual Aid requests for Structure Fires or Rapid Intervention requests unless this Member is a qualified Chauffeur acting only in that capacity and there is no other Interior Firefighter qualified Chauffeur available so long as there is not a full crew of Interior Firefighters.
    5. Will NOT go on any Fire standby requests unless this Member is a qualified Chauffeur acting only in that capacity and there is no other Interior Fire-

fighter qualified Chauffeur available so long as there is not a full crew of Interior Firefighters.

FIRE POLICE

a. Any Member with a minimum of fifteen (15) years of service as a Member of the Dix Hills Fire Department in Good Standing may apply for Fire Police status through their respective Company Captain.
b. Any Member who sustains an injury or illness which renders them incapable of maintaining the requirements of their current category and upon approval by the Dix Hills Fire Districts Medical Office may apply for Fire Police status if their illness or injury does NOT prevent them from maintaining the requirements to remain in Good Standing as a Fire Police Member.
c. It Shall be at the discretion of Officer's Council to grant Fire Police status to those Members who qualify. Fire Police status is a privilege and is NOT guaranteed right of all Members and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
d. All Members of the Fire Police category Must be certified by the Dix Hills Fire District's Medical Office.
e. All Members of this category Shall maintain their training requirements as outlined in SOP 1302 for Fire Police.
f. Fire Police Membership Shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) Fire Police Members per Company. Fire Police Membership Shall NEVER exceed fifteen (15) total Members of the Dix Hills Fire Department. If a Company meets the maximum Members (5) a waiting list will be established for that Company based on Dix Hills Fire Department Membership seniority. All Members on the waiting list Must maintain Good Standing assigned to a training category or forfeit their position on the list.
g. A Member in this category may operate the apparatus for which he/she is qualified to respond to, operating at, and returning from the scene of an emergency in accordance with Dix Hills Fire Department SOP's.

RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER

a. All Members of the Rescue Squad Member Category Must be certified by the Dix Hills Fire District's Medical Office
b. All Members of this category Shall maintain their training requirements as outlined in SOP 1302 for Rescue Squad Member
c. All Probationary Members Must comply with requirements set forth in SOP 1401 and 1402 in addition to the requirement of SOP 1302 and 1102
d. All Members of the Rescue Squad category Must maintain at a minimum a valid New York State EMT certification.

SENIOR ACTIVE MEMBER

a. Members are eligible for Senior Active status if:
    1. The Member in Good Standing who has served ten (10) years or more as an active Member of the Dix Hills Fire Department, has become physically incapable of maintaining the training requirements for any other category, and upon approval by the Dix Hills Fire Districts Medical Office may apply for Senior Active status.
    2. If a Member has served twenty (20) years or more as an active Member of the Dix Hills Fire Department and has attained the age of 50 may apply for Senior Active status.
b. All Members of this category Shall maintain their training requirements as outlined in SOP 1302 for Senior Active Member
c. It Shall be at the discretion of Officer's Council to grant Senior Active status to those Members who qualify. Senior Active status is a privilege and is NOT a guaranteed right of all Members and will be considered on a case by case basis.