

# **Grissettown Longwood Fire & Rescue**

## **Fire Department Membership**

### **GENERAL**

Anyone requesting to apply for membership into this department should live within a reasonable distance from the Grissettown / Longwood Fire Department and approved by application committee and/or Fire Chief.

#### **A. Active Member**

- Active member shall be (18) year of age, or older.
- Live within reasonable distance from the fire station, unless otherwise approved by the Fire Chief and the Officers.
- Be of good moral character.
- Complete all recommended or required training.

#### **B. Apprentice Firefighters (Jr. Firefighter)**

- Apprentice firefighters shall between the age of (14) and (18) year old.
- Be of good moral character.
- Shall maintain a “C” average while in school.

### **APPLICATIONS**

- All applicants must submit a standard application form.
- The Fire Department Application Committee will review the form and notify the applicant of his/her acceptance or denial. The Application committee will be made up of 1 chief officer, 1 line officer, and 1 firefighter.
- Any applicant that applies for membership shall go through a mandatory background check, drug screen and a driver history check.
- Driver license status is subject to verification.
- Any member that has been terminated from the department must wait (1) one year before reapplying for membership. This time period may be altered at the discretion of the membership.

## **APPROVAL**

- Membership in the department will be obtained by a vote of the members present at the business meetings. The vote will be by secret ballot. The applicant must receive a majority of the votes by the members present.
- Upon voted approval of the membership, the applicant will be granted the title of Probationary Firefighter. The new firefighter will remain on probation for period of no less than (6) months.

## **Waiting List**

The Grissettown Longwood Fire & Rescue shall limit its active membership to (25) thirty members. When this limit is reached, all other applications will be placed on a waiting list. Persons will be notified by the Department when an opening is available. The Department reserves the right to review all applications and select the next prospective member at its discretion. The Department does not discriminate against anyone, but factors such as hours of availability, experience, must be considered by the Department for the effective and professional protection of the residents and their properties in this district.

## **Missing Meetings**

Members that are unable to attend a meeting or scheduled training should notify an officer of the department.

## **Responsibilities**

The Department is proud of the moral character represented by its members. Good judgment and common sense must prevail in all situations. All members are obligated to learn, practice and uphold these rules and regulation. All persons are to conduct themselves as professionals at the station and on the fire ground. Persons displaying undesirable conduct may be subject to suspension or dismissal.