Minimum Requirements for Prospective Volunteer Firefighters

Accepting a position in the Firefighter Recruit Academy indicates a minimum commitment of two years of volunteer service to the Department

Minimum Volunteer **Requirements**

- At least 18 years old
- High School graduate or GED
- Have an independent and reliable mode of transportation
- Have a good driving record
- No criminal history
- Reside within a reasonable distance of the Department's response area

Ongoing Volunteer **Requirements**

- Uphold mission and values of Department
- Successfully complete all portions of Recruit Academy
- Able to meet job duties and requirements

Minimum Volunteer **Commitment** - Recruit Firefighters
(Recruit Academy is four months long *minimum* - NO ABSENCES ALLOWED)

- Attend weekly Department trainings (Wednesday nights)
- Attend weekly Recruit trainings (all day Saturdays)
- Attend any additional weekend trainings if offered
- Participate in any Department- or Association-sponsored events that are planned during Recruit Academy

Ongoing Volunteer **Commitment** - Apprentice Firefighters, Firefighters, Lieutenants, & Captains

- Attend weekly Department trainings (Wednesday nights)
- Fulfill at least one 12-hour overnight Cottonwood sleeper shift weekly*
- Respond to at least 15% of emergency calls quarterly
- If not fulfilling overnight shift requirement, respond to at least 20% of emergency calls quarterly
- Attend at least one weekend extrication training annually, when offered
- Participate in at least one Department- or Association-sponsored event annually

*Apprentice Firefighters and Firefighters are *required* to fulfill one overnight shift every week (Apprentice Firefighters are encouraged to fulfill two shifts); Lieutenants are *expected* to fulfill an overnight shift; Captains are exempt from the weekly overnight shift requirement

This outline of requirements and commitments is intended only for informational purposes for prospective applicants to the Volunteer Firefighter Recruit Academy. For current volunteers, any differences in the listed Minimum Requirements and/or Commitments are superseded by those delineated more thoroughly in the Volunteer Handbook.