

FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION of DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1 Name This organization shall be known as the FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION OF DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO.

Section 2 Purpose The purpose of this organization shall be to:

1. Improve the standards of the Fire Service.
2. Foster improved Fire Prevention activities.
3. Become aware of modern methods of administration.
4. Make better use of instructors and teaching techniques.
5. Maintain a high skill in fire fighting, EMS, Haz Mat and other assigned duties.
6. Encourage good will and cooperation between the various member organizations, and promote public relations.
7. Coordinate disaster planning and encourage the exchange of information which is of interest and benefit to the members.
8. Promote safety in each of the activities of the departments.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Active Member All Chiefs and Assistant/Deputy Chiefs paying dues, active from the Fire Service, shall be entitled to hold office. Persons eligible to become active members in this organization shall be Fire Chiefs, Assistant/Deputy Fire Chiefs or staff officers acting in the capacity of a chief officer in Delaware County.

Section 2 Associate Member Persons eligible for associate membership shall include Delaware County Emergency Medical Service, Delaware County 911, and representatives of the various State and County Agencies or groups interested in the Fire Service. Such members shall not have the power to vote on any issues coming before the membership.

ARTICLE III GOVERNMENT

Section 1 Authority The supreme authority of this organization shall be vested in the active members at the regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 2 Quorum Seven (7) active members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for voting on official business at meetings.

Section 3 Voting Each department shall have one (1) vote.

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ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

Section 1 Time, Date and Place of Meetings The regular meetings of the Association shall be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. The location of meetings shall be set at the beginning of the year and all members notified via email. The President shall have the authority to call for special meetings and decide the location of such meetings.

Section 2 Rules of Order All meetings shall be conducted according to “Roberts Rules for Meetings”.

Section 3 Notice of Meetings All members shall be notified one week in advance of meetings.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1 Number and Titles:

1. A President
2. A Vice President
3. A Secretary-Treasurer

Section 2 Board of Directors The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3 Nomination and Election of Officers At the June meeting each year, candidates shall be nominated for each expiring office by a nominating committee and by voice vote from the floor. If there is more than one candidate for any office then a secret ballot vote shall be held for the office. The candidate receiving the most votes for any office shall be declared the elected officer, and to take office in July.

Section 4 Term of Office The term of office for all officers shall be 2 years. The President cannot serve 2 concurrent terms.

Section 5 Vacancies in Office In the event there is a vacancy in any office, the members shall by vote cause the office to be filled for the remainder of the term of that office.

Section 6 Duties of Officers

PRESIDENT

The President shall preside as chairman of all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors. He shall preserve order and decorum, and decide questions of order and procedures at the meetings. He shall appoint members of committees and the chairman of each committee. He shall be a member ex-officio of each committee.

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VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall act in behalf of the President in his absence and shall otherwise act to assist the President in the performance of his duties.

SECRETARY – TREASURER

It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep a complete record of the proceedings of the Association at meetings. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors. He shall receive all communications pertaining to the business of the Association. He shall send notices of meetings and special meetings. He shall collect all money due the Association and he shall have custody of the funds of the Association. All money in his custody belonging to the Association shall be deposited in a bank of his choice subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. He shall keep a true and accurate account of all monies received and disbursed, and he shall make a true and accurate report of all money received, disbursed and deposited at each regular meeting of the Association. Except for the necessary expenses of his office he shall incur no expense in the name of the Association, nor shall he honor any expense incurred by an officer or member except by the authority of the Association. He shall make the books, bank balances and all other official reports available to the Board of Directors for audit upon request, and at least annually.

ARTICLE VI DUES AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Dues Regular dues for active members of the Association shall be \$50.00 per year, payable upon acceptance for membership and annually by the first meeting of each year. Regular dues for associate members of the Association shall be \$25.00 per year, payable upon acceptance for membership and annually by the first meeting of each year.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

Section 1 Number and Kind of Committees Vote of the membership as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VIII REVISIONS

Section 1 Revision This Constitution and By-Laws of the Association may be revised by a 2/3 majority of members attending any regular meeting of the Association if the membership has been advised of the change at least one week prior to the meeting at which the changes are to be made.

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**ARTICLE IX
APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, ADVISORY BOARDS, ETC**

Section 1 Appointments The Board of Directors shall make appointments to commissions, boards and other organization as necessary with the recommendation of the voting members at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Signed this October 15, 2008

President Bill Bechstein

Vice President Marvin McIntire

Secretary-Treasurer Lynn Hancock

BY-LAWS

ORIGINAL

August 21, 1991

UNOFFICIAL REVISION

April 25, 2003

VOTED REVISION

October 15, 2008