



Lapeer County Fire Association

Protecting All of Lapeer County

Member of Michigan State Firemen's Assn.

P.O. Box 115, Attica MI 48412

CONSTITUTION

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December 6, 1978; revised June 24, 1998; revised January 27, 1999;
revised April 28, 1999; revised March 28, 2001, revised August 25, 2004.
Revised March 31, 2010

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. This organization shall be known as the LAPEER COUNTY FIRE ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 2. The term "Firefighter" throughout this document shall include all types of firefighters and officers such as, but not limited to Career, Paid on Call, Part Paid, or Volunteer.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. The Purpose and objectives of this association are declared to be;

- a. To actively support the cause of safeguarding life and property against fire dangers and any other emergency or disaster.
- b. To establish and maintain harmony between member departments; provide support for and promote the best interests of all firefighters.
- c. To promote and support legislation that will result in better building construction, greater safety to life and property and to better the conditions of all fire departments and firefighters.
- d. To actively promote and support the public education efforts of all member departments for the people of Lapeer County and surrounding areas.
- e. To actively engage with other organizations and agencies, public and private, to provide continuing education to all firefighters and to operate cooperative training facilities.
- f. To provide specialized equipment and services to member departments. To assist in fire suppression of other emergency response as requested.
- g. To do all other things relating to the foregoing general purposes as may be permitted by law.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1.

- a. Membership in this association shall be open to all organized fire departments in Lapeer County. Fire Departments outside Lapeer County may become associate members with all rights and privileges, except holding executive office. All members of a department in good standing shall be members of the association.
- b. Retired firefighters, so designated by their department, shall be shown the same

considerations as associate members.

c. The Association may permit interested parties to become sustaining members. The dues for sustaining members shall be equal to one half the amount of department membership.

d. There shall be a subsection known as the Lapeer County Fire Chiefs. They shall have the same officers as the main body. They shall meet on the second Wednesday of each month, except the month of December. The December meeting shall be combined with the November/December Association meeting. All meetings will be at the training facility unless otherwise notified. The Chiefs may answer requests directed to them by outside agencies, but shall keep the Association membership apprised of their actions.

e. There shall be a subsection known as the Lapeer County Instructors. The County Training Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator will call meetings and set agendas concerning training. The Instructors shall answer to the officers of the Lapeer County Fire Association.

f. There shall be a subsection known as the Lapeer County Public Education Committee. The Lapeer County Fire Association chairperson shall appoint the chairperson of this committee. The committee should consist of at least one person from each member department. This committee will meet as needed at the direction of the committee chairperson, with a minimum of two meetings each calendar year. Each member chief shall appoint committee member(s) for their department. These names shall be submitted to the public education chairperson.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1.

a. The Officers of this association shall be as follows; Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, two Coordinators and two Trustees. They shall be elected at the annual meeting of the odd number years and they shall constitute the executive board. These eight officers will be selected from departments within Lapeer County and will hold office for two years. Executive board members may serve consecutive terms.

b. Any member in good standing may run for any position of the executive board, however, the member may only run for one office per election year.

c. In the event of a tie, the name of the successful candidate shall be drawn from a hat by the election committee.

d. The Association Chaplain shall be appointed by the Chair at the annual meeting or as a vacancy occurs.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS: The annual meeting shall be held in July. Regular monthly meetings shall be held the last Wednesday of each month except the November and December meeting which will be combined and held the second Wednesday in December.

ARTICLE VI

DUES: Each department shall be billed their annual membership dues by the Treasurer each July. The amount of these dues shall be determined by the membership.

ARTICLE VII

VOTING: Each department shall be allowed one vote in matters pertaining to election issues.

a. All regular operating expenses, (electricity, propane, insurance) and pre-approved budgeted expenses, shall be paid when due by the Treasurer and shall be reported to the membership at the following Association meeting.

b. Other items may be presented for approval at the monthly Chief's meeting, but the total of

all expenditures (excluding monthly operating expenses and pre-approved budgeted expenses) shall not exceed \$500.⁰⁰.

c. Other single item expenses presented at an Association meeting and costing up to \$1000.⁰⁰ shall be approved by a voice vote of the members present. Single item expenses exceeding \$1,000.⁰⁰ shall be approved by a show of hands count of all association members present.

d. Sustaining members are not eligible to vote in any monetary or election issue.

ARTICLE VIII

NOTIFICATIONS: The Chief of each member department shall notify all members of their department of regular and annual meetings and to endeavor to have their department represented at each scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS: The foregoing constitution may be amended at a regular meeting by a majority vote of the members present. The proposed amendment shall be in writing and distributed before being tabled until the next regular meeting for a final vote.

ARTICLE X

REVIEW: The Lapeer County Fire Constitution shall be reviewed every three years. The review shall be completed by committee as appointed by the Association Chairperson.

ARTICLE XI

DISSOLUTION: In the event that this organization is dissolved, all assets, real property and personal property will revert to the benefit of the County of Lapeer at the discretion of the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners.