



Bedford County

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & RESCUE



RECOMMENDED REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY IN THE BEDFORD COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE MEMBERS' RETIREMENT PROGRAM

1. Volunteer Members of the plan must be active in his/her independent fire company or rescue squad as defined by the criteria (by-laws, protocols, operating procedures, etc.) established by and followed by that company or squad.

Membership criteria for retirement benefits is not intended to affect the administration or operation of any independent company or squad; however, it is mandatory that for retirement benefits, all participants be active and in good standings with their company or squad.

2. Volunteer members of the plan must actively participate in company or squad activities, including but not limited to:
 - responding to and completing emergency calls
 - duty assignments
 - business meeting attendance
 - training opportunities
 - work details
 - stand-by requests
 - maintenance requirements
 - raising funds
 - community relations

3. Volunteer members of the plan must comply with:

A. Fire Division

- Virginia Department of Fire Programs Certification Requirements.
- Bedford County Fire & Rescue protocols, directives, and/or Standard Operating Guides.
- Company OMD protocols as they may differ from regional as well as OMD directives such as skills review (QA).

B. Rescue Division

- VA OEMS continuing education requirements to maintain at least EMT-B Certification. While upgrading to or maintenance of an ALS level is desired, EMT-B is necessary.

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- BREMS and BREMS Regional OMD protocols (Western Virginia where applicable).
 - Bedford County Fire & Rescue protocols, directives, and/or Standard Operating Guides.
 - Squad OMD protocols as they may differ from regional as well as OMD directives such as skills review (QA).
4. Volunteer members of the plan must earn points a minimum of 100 points each calendar year with minimum points required for running calls; attending business meetings; and attending training meetings.

Point Values For Rescue Are As Follows:

ACTIVITY	POINTS
Response To A Call (Scene)	1 Per Call
Running Call (Scene To Hospital)	2 Per Call*
Upgrade Certification	25 Per Upgrade
Meeting Attendance	1 Per Meeting**
Stand-By	1 Per Hour
Company/Squad Training	1 Per Hour***
Raising Funds	1 Per Hour
Maintenance	1 Per Hour
Administration (Paperwork)	1 Per Hour

Point Values For Fire Are As Follows:

ACTIVITY	POINTS
Response To A Call (Scene)	1 Per Call
Running Call (Prolonged Incident)	2 Per Call*
Upgrade Certification	25 Per Upgrade
Meeting Attendance	1 Per Meeting**
Stand-By	1 Per Hour
Company/Squad Training	1 Per Hour***
Raising Funds	1 Per Hour
Maintenance	1 Per Hour
Administration (Paperwork)	1 Per Hour

- * 48 Points Minimum
- ** 6 Points Minimum
- *** 12 Points Minimum