

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

# ARTICLE I

# Name and Title

This organization shall be known as the Dukes County Fire Chief's Club.

# . ARTICLE II

# Purpose and Object

- 1. To bring Fire Chiefs and their associates together in conference once a month to discuss ways and means for the betterment and advancement of the Fire Service.
- 2. To coordinate the efforts of all engaged in the field of fire protection to the end that such concerted action shall gain the confidence of the public and achieve steady progress against the ravages of fire.

# ARTICLE III

# Classification of Membership

# 1. Active Members

Chiefs of Fire Departments, Assistant Chiefs, and Superintendents of private or industrial fire departments and State Forest shall be eligible to active membership Any active member in good standing may, after retirement from active duty, continue to be an active member by continuing payment of all annual dues and assessments.

## 2. Honorary Members

Any person who has rendered conspicuous and outstanding service to the Association or a person who has attained prominence and rendered signal service in fire protection and prevention, may be elected to honorary membership if previously recommended for such membership by any active member of Club, and provided further that such person receives a majority vote from the Association members. Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of dues and shall have the right to attend meetings of the Association and shall have the privilege of the floor without the power to vote.

# ARTICLE IV Power to Vote

Each and every member in good standing shall be entitled to vote. No other member shall be qualified or entitled to vote. The right of an active member to vote shall only be exercised by such member in person. The right to vote may not be deligated to any person.

#### ARTICLE V

Meetings

Meetings shall be the third Monday of every month. Place of next meeting to be stated at each meeting. If any change, written notice by the Secretary.

#### ARTICLE VI

Quorum

Consists of ten members qualified to vote.

#### ARTICLE VII

Officers

1. The officers of this club shall consist of a President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, who shall hold office for 1 year,

# Amended January 1959 to read:

The officers of this club shall consist of a President Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. The President shall hold office for 1 year only.

- 2. Election of officers shall be in December and the officers must be in good standing.
- 3. Officers shall be elected by ballot and nominated from the floor.
  - 4. Officers to take seats January 1.

## ARTICLE VIII

#### Committee

Program and other committees to be appointed by the President and he to act ex-officio on all committees.

## ARTICLE IX

#### Dues

- I. One dollar for initiation fee.
- 2. Fifty cents per month to be payable monthly whether at the meeting or not.

# Amended December 1958 to read:

- 2. Fifty cents per month to be payable monthly whether at the meeting or not. Dues payable for months that there are no meetings.
- 3. Secretary to notify when behind in dues 4 months.

# Amended December 1960 to read:

- 3. Secretary shall notify members when in arrears in dues 4 months.
- 3a. After notification of arreats members shall have no voice or vote until payment in full has been received.
- 3b. Any member in arrears for I year shall automatically be dropped from membership.

- 3c. Dropped members may upon payment of the dues that were in arrears plus 3 months dues in advance, be reinstated as members in good standing.
- 4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall make a report at the annual meeting in January.

## Amended March 1963 to read:

4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall make a report at the annual meeting in February.

#### ARTICLE X

#### Amendments

- 1. To change the by-laws all members must be notified the month before.
- 2. Must have a quorum vote to do the same.