

BYLAWS
Goodwins Mills Fire Department, Inc.

Article SIX
(Amendment 5, 7,8)

DUTIES OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Section 6.1 Selection:

A. The fire chief shall be elected by popular vote of the membership for a five year term.

B. Candidates for fire chief shall be solicited every five years by the nomination committee, as directed by Article 8 Section 8.5 of these Bylaws.

C. Candidates for the office of fire chief must meet the following requirements: Have at least 10 years in the fire service; 5 years as a member of this corporation; 3 years as an operating officer in this corporation. Achieved Firefighter II qualification in accordance with National Fire Protection Association Standard 1001. The candidate must possess the education, training and skills necessary to fulfill the duties outlined in Article 6 Sections 6.2 and 6.3 of these Bylaws. Additionally, some type of formal training in the following areas is highly desirable: Tactics and Strategy; Firefighter Safety; Incident Command; Fire Investigation; Water Supply and Hydraulics; Fire Service Leadership and Management; Mass Casualty Incidents and Emergency Medical Service; Hazardous Material Operations; and Fiscal Management.

Section 6.2 Duties, Responsibilities and Privilege:

A. In addition to the requirements of MSRA title 30 chapter 228 section 3773; the fire chief shall serve as chief executive officer of this corporation. He/she shall hold the traditional fire service title and rank of fire chief.

R7 B. All equipment and personnel of this corporation shall be employed, deployed, controlled, maintained, operated, supervised and disciplined as directed by the fire chief. The general management, administration, readiness and day-to-day operation of the corporation shall be charged to the fire chief. The fire chief shall ensure the corporation operates in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local government statues, regulations and standards.

C. (1) The fire chief shall appoint a deputy fire chief to serve as chief operating officer. This individual will be his/her primary assistant and first in the line of succession to the office of fire chief.

(2) The fire chief may also appoint any subordinate operating officers, such as: assistant chiefs; investigators, inspectors, battalion chiefs, captains, lieutenants, engineers and other special commissioned and non-commissioned officers as necessary to assist in the execution of his/her duties. When subordinate officers are appointed, a job description outlining the duties and responsibilities of the appointed position(s) must be made available to the membership.

D. The authority of appointed operating officers is derived from the fire chief. All operating officers serve at the pleasure of the fire chief and act as his/her direct representative.

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Section 6.3 Contracts and Agreements:

A. The fire chief may, on behalf of the corporation enter into contract with the municipalities of Lyman and Dayton, Maine. The contract shall be to provide for: municipal fire protection (as defined in MSRA title 30 chapter 228 section 3772); emergency medical and ambulance services.

B. The contract shall state that the municipalities of Lyman and Dayton, Maine, will appoint the fire chief of this corporation as the fire chief for their respective municipalities.

C. The fire chief may, on behalf of the corporation enter into mutual aid agreements with other firefighting, rescue and EMS organizations. Provided, such agreements are mutually beneficial to the parties involved.

D. The fire chief may authorize expenditure of funds for the normal operation, maintenance and administration of the corporation.

Section 6.4 Succession to the office of fire chief:

A. Within thirty days after each annual meeting, the fire chief shall provide the board of trustees with a listing of all operating officers and their position in a line of succession to the office of fire chief.

B. In the event the fire chief is unable to fulfill his/her duties, temporarily; the chief operating officer shall assume the duties of the fire chief (acting). The chief operating officer shall serve as acting fire chief until the chief is able to return to his/her duties.

C. Should the fire chief resign, or be permanently unable to fulfill his/her duties, the chief operating officer shall serve as fire chief (acting) until the next annual meeting. The president shall initiate the process for election of fire chief, in accordance with Article 6 Section 6.1 of these Bylaws.

Section 6.5 Grandfather Clause

Section Deleted. Repealed by Amendment 8 on April 1, 2003.

R7 Section 6.6: Member grievances and complaints

A. The fire chief shall develop a procedure and policy for handling complaints and grievances of members. Authority for the organization, implementation and supervision of such policy may be delegated to an appointed officer.

R7 Section 6.7: Membership Training

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