

Article VII. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I. APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any resident, 18 years of age or older, living no farther than 5 (five) road miles from one of the four following West Harrison Fire Stations;

Station # 1 – 2656 S. Access Rd

Station # 2 - 2780 Lois Drive

Station # 3 – 19797 FM 449

Station # 4 – 5821 East Hwy 80

- Individuals requesting membership into the West Harrison Fire Department must submit a completed application in person at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- Individuals submitting application will be subject to a criminal history record search, driving record review, work history, and a drug screen upon request.
- Individuals submitting application will have an investigation period of up to 90 (ninety) days but no less than 30 (thirty) days. This time will be used to obtain above stated histories of the prospective member. During this time the individual is encouraged to attend as many meetings and calls as possible so that members may become familiar with him/her.
- At the end of the investigation period the members at large shall be given any and all information on the prospective member. The members shall at this time decide if he/she is acceptable to the department.
- Individuals found acceptable by the members may be deemed a Probationary Firefighter. The member shall be on probation with the West Harrison Fire Department for 90 to 180 days. The department may extend the probationary period as desired at the recommendation of an Officer of the department. During this probationary period he / she are encouraged to attend as many department activities as possible. He / she may be issued protective clothing and communications at the Chief's discretion. Probationary firefighters shall have no voting rights and under no circumstances allowed to operate an emergency vehicle. Probationary firefighter status may be revoked at any given time by a majority of the members or at the discretion of the Officers for the good of the Department.

Article VIII. MEMBERS AND DUTIES

SECTION I. GENERAL DUTIES

- All members shall follow the Standard Operating Guidelines as set forth by the majority vote of the department.
- All members shall participate in the clean-up of the fire stations and grounds.
- No member shall be under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drugs involving any emergency involving the community and this department or at any meeting connected with fire department business or school.
- All members shall be approved by one of the Operational Officers of this department, before operating fire department equipment.
- All members shall attend and be prepared for all business and training meetings of this department. If member cannot attend any meetings, member must notify any member prior to the meeting. Excused absences consist of sickness, death of family member, emergency situations, work, school/training, and out of town.