

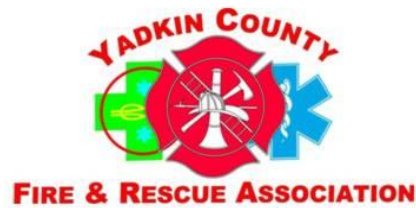
**YADKIN COUNTY VOLUNTEER
FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED
YADKIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**



**BENEVOLENT BROTHERHOOD
RULES AND BY-LAW'S**



**ADOPTED JULY 15, 1971
REVISED July 17, 1997**



ARTICLE I

NAME:

Yadkin County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Benevolent Brotherhood

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Benevolent Brotherhood is to render financial aid to the beneficiary and immediate family at the time of death of any member who is in good standing as a member of the Benevolent Brotherhood.

MEMBERSHIP:

To qualify for membership in the Benevolent Brotherhood, the person applying shall be a member or an official of the fire and rescue departments affiliated with the Yadkin County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and a member of the Yadkin County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association.

Also, he or she must complete in full the Benevolent Brotherhood Form. He or she shall become a member upon completion of the form and pay **TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) initial dues.** All present fire and rescue personal will have no more than 12 months to join the Benevolent Brotherhood Fund after adoption date of these by-law's.

All new fire and rescue personal will have no more than 12 months to join the Benevolent Brotherhood Fund after joining a fire or rescue department.

If a person is a member of two (2) or more fire or rescue departments, he or she can only be a member of the Benevolent Brotherhood Fund thru **ONE** (1) department.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors of the Yadkin County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Incorporated shall serve as Board of Directors for the Benevolent Brotherhood.





ARTICLE V

OFFICERS:

The President of the Yadkin County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Vice-President of the Yadkin County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association shall be the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Secretary of the Yadkin County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association shall be Secretary to the Board of Directors. The Treasurer of the Yadkin County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association shall be the Treasurer of the Benevolent Brotherhood Fund.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES:

The Chairman and in his or her absence the Vice-Chairman, shall preside at all meetings.

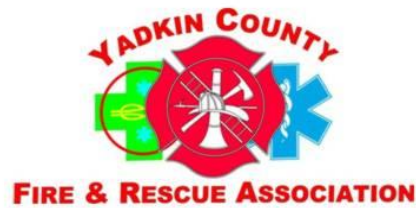
The Treasurer shall be responsible for making a financial record of all transactions of this organization and make a report of same at all regular or called meeting. Upon proof that a member of good standing with this organization has a claimed death, which may be from any cause, the President and Treasurer shall pay, as soon as practicable, to the beneficiary (ies) designated by the deceased member, the amount as specified in these by-law's: *in the amount of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00).*

All checks must be countersigned by the President and Treasurer.

The Board of Directors has the authority to require a bond of those persons signing or handling funds.

The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings and he or she shall keep a roster of the membership.





ARTICLE VII

DUES:

Each member or department shall pay to the Treasurer *TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00)* as the initial payment under this plan, and *TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00)* upon the death of a member of the Benevolent Brotherhood.

Article VII was amended for assessment to stay at *FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00)* regardless of number of members in the Benevolent Brotherhood.

Date of amendment, July 19, 1973.

Article VII was amended for assessment to be raised to *TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00)*, with disbursements being raised to *ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)*.

Date of amendment, July 17, 1997.

If the amount in the fund is less than *TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) after payment*, an assessment will be made to replenish the fund. If the amount is over *TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) no assessment will be made*.

ARTICLE VIII

COLLECTIONS:

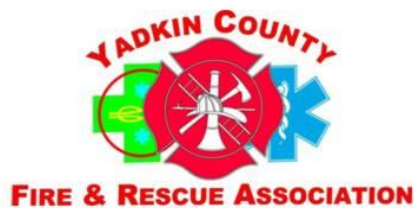
Each Department shall appoint a member to receive collections from each member when notified of a member's death. The collector shall then forward his or her collections along with a *complete list of members* to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Benevolent Brotherhood **within a period of thirty days after notification.**

ARTICLE IX

DISBURSEMENTS:

The Officers and Directors shall require the Treasurer to pay to the beneficiary of a deceased member the sum of; *ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)*.





DELINQUENTS:

The County Secretary must notify by letter or telephone the Director or Chief Officer of each fire and rescue department when an assessment is due. Any member, who has failed to pay his or her assessment with-in a period of 60 days after this notification, shall forfeit his or her membership in the Benevolent Brotherhood.

It is the responsibility of each department to inform each member of the Benevolent Brotherhood that an assessment is due. To be reinstated, the member shall be assessed the initial fee of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00), plus all back dues.

ARTICLE XI

EXPULSION:

Any member who is expelled from any fire or rescue department for misconduct, immoral acts or becomes inactive in his fire or rescue duties, shall immediately forfeit his membership in the Benevolent Brotherhood.

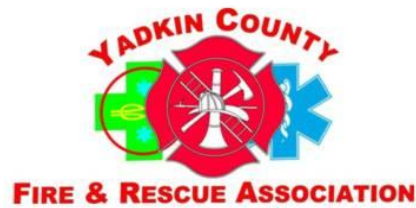
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RETIREMENT:

Any member may retain his or her membership in the Benevolent Brotherhood, if he or she retires from a fire or rescue department in good standing, retains good moral habits, keeps the Secretary informed of his or her correct address, pays all assessments properly, gives his or her moral support to all fire and rescue personal and departments at all times, and has had as much as three (3) years continuous service in a fire or rescue department in Yadkin County, or a member of the Yadkin County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association.

Any fire or rescue personal in good standing, which has moved out of the district, shall be eligible for the Benevolent Brotherhood Fund if he or she notifies the Secretary of change of address and is notified and pays all assessments.





ARTICLE XIII

FORFEITURES:

If any fire or rescue department refuses or ceases to hold a membership equal to twenty-five percent (25%) or more of its membership as members of the Benevolent Brotherhood, the said department forfeits its right to hold any office or voting power in the Benevolent Brotherhood.

Exception: Those individual members holding membership in the Benevolent Brotherhood may participate in all benefits of the Benevolent Brotherhood, providing they meet the other standards or qualifications as outlined in these articles.

ARTICLE XIV

AMENDMENTS:

These rules and by-law's may be amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Yadkin County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Incorporated, providing the amendment is presented In writing to the general meeting proceeding the meeting in which the vote is taken. No fire or rescue department may have more than ONE (1) vote. No amendment can be passed without Three-Quarters (3/4) of the departments present.

ARTICLE XV

EXPENSES:

The Yadkin County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Incorporated shall finance the necessary expenses incurred in operating the Benevolent Brotherhood.

