



Independence Fire Department Auxiliary



This is a formal request to form and establish an Independence Fire Department Auxiliary (IFDA). The purpose of the IFDA is to assist Independence Fire with calls, fundraisers, trainings, public relation events.

Eligible Members: Community members that live within the Independence Fire Department Fire District. This allows other departments to have Auxiliary members for their departments. Members don't have to meet a certain number of meetings or calls over the course of a year as not all calls would need support or extra help from Auxiliary members. Members are free to attend calls, fundraising events, trainings, etc. as time allows.

Authority over Auxiliary: The Independence Fire Department Auxiliary will be under the control of the Independence Fire Rescue Association. Any funds, equipment, apparel, etc. will be purchased by the Independence Fire Rescue Association.

Auxiliary Roles: Auxiliary members are to only be a form of support. This extra support could be during a fundraiser, supplying coffee/water, providing food, transporting equipment from the fire scene to the station or vice versa, taking event/incident photos, etc. No auxiliary member will be doing firefighting activities such as entering a structure fire, operating fire equipment, or anything deemed unsafe from a member of the Independence Fire Department. No Auxiliary member shall give any statements to the media without consent from Independence Fire Chief. No photos or videos taken by Auxiliary members should be shared unless approved by the Fire Chief.

Activating Auxiliary Members: Auxiliary members will be put into the I Am Responding system and they will be notified of a call the same way IFD members are. They can respond via the app and will be labeled in the system as "SCENE SUPPORT". Auxiliary members are requested to check in with an Independence Fire Department Officer once they arrive on scene and get instructions by that officer. It is requested that Auxiliary members will wear a vest at all times while operating on an incident as this will help identify them. If Auxiliary member takes any photos on a Fire Scene, they should use an Independence Fire Department camera when possible and not release any photos or videos without permission from the Fire Chief. Any photo/video that is taken can be sent to the department's email or to Chief's & Officers of the department.

Auxiliary Compensation: Auxiliary members will not be compensated by a nominal fee or regular pay by the City of Independence or Independence Fire Rescue Association. Members may receive other forms of compensation such as clothing, meals, etc. for their assistance during calls or events.

Application process: Anyone wishing to be an Auxiliary member shall apply and turn it in to the Secretary of the Association. The letter will be discussed at the next meeting and action will be taken then. Once approved, Auxiliary members will be allowed to attend monthly meetings and participate in discussion. Auxiliary members will be allowed to present items or topics but will not be allowed to vote on said item or topic. Any Auxiliary member wishing to no longer be a part of the Auxiliary shall submit a letter of resignation and will be removed from the roster similar to an Association member.

Removal of Auxiliary Member: An auxiliary member can be removed by a majority vote of voting members at a regular or special meeting. In the case where an auxiliary member is doing something unsafe or not following the above policy, they can be removed from an event by the Chief, Asst. Chief(s), or acting officer in charge at that time.

Attendance Requirements: Auxiliary members will not be required to make a set number of calls, events, or meetings as they are not compensated for their efforts.