

NBFARS Associate Membership Guidelines

Membership Application

Associate Member candidates must successfully complete the regular membership application steps in addition to the following before membership is established:

- Applicants must currently be NJ certified EMTs or National Registry certified (reciprocity must be obtained for other state certifications – we will assist).
- Applicants must have BLS/CPR for Healthcare Provider certification (or the equivalent)
- Applicant must have at least one year of documented EMT emergency response experience on an emergency response organization (paid or volunteer). A letter from the Chief/Captain of the organization will be required.

Membership Requirements

Once membership is established the new Associate member must complete the following satisfactorily within three months:

- Attend a new member officer orientation
- Familiarize themselves with each ambulance's specific equipment
- Ride at least 12 hours as a "3rd crewperson" with their assigned Mentor
- Pass Chief's test on NBFARS operational procedures and radio usage as well as written and practical tests on emergency medical procedures.

They will then be allowed to ride as a Crew Chief (2nd person) on a crew. If these are not completed within three months the new member may be granted a three-month extension. If an extension is granted and these steps are still not completed within the next three months (for a total of six months since membership was established) the member can be terminated at the discretion of the Chief.

Riding Requirements

- Once an Associate is a Crew Chief they will be required to ride a minimum of nine hours, which is three shifts, per month (a shift is a 3 hour block of time as designated by the scheduling officer).
- Shift availability must be provided to the scheduling officer in writing or email by the 21st of each month for the following month. The officer will then decide the shift assignments for the next month and respond back to the Associate Member by the 28th of each month.
- If the Associate fails to provide shift availability for the month by the 1st of that month they can be terminated at the discretion of the Chief.
- Each Associate is allowed a total of two months in a 12 month cycle with no availability (or less than the minimum required shifts). This is on a rotating 12 month cycle, not by calendar year. This request must be submitted in writing by the 21st of the previous month to the scheduling officer.
- If less than the minimum or no availability occurs for a third month in a rotating 12 month period, the Chief has the option of terminating the Associate's membership.

Education

Associate members are eligible for NJ EMT training fund authorization through the North Brunswick First Aid & Rescue Squad when they meet the following minimum requirements:

- The Associate must be a Crew Chief for at least three months.
- Prior to the request for training fund authorization, the Associate must have covered an average of 4 shifts (12 hours) per week during the previous three (3) calendar months that the Associate was active, (and not on approved leave time).
- Funding forms can only be authorized by the Chief.

Equipment

- A jumpsuit will be issued at orientation. A jacket may be made available to the Associate during their duty shift if the weather requires one.
- Associate will be required to supply their own protective black boots, wristwatch and any other equipment they would like to use (within the parameters of the NBFARS uniform SOP).
- A pager (if necessary) will only be issued after the Associate becomes a Crew Chief and the Chief determines it to be necessary. Use of the 'office pager' while on duty is allowed.
- If approved for Rescue status, protective gear (a coat and pants) will be assigned and must be left at the building.

Driving

Driver status is granted by the Logistics Captain and Chief. It is recommended that proof of CEVO and Ambulance Maneuvering classes be provided. Familiarity with North Brunswick streets and routes to hospitals is required. No Associate can drive any squad vehicles without the Logistics Captain or Chief's approval.

Rescue

The interested Associate must provide rescue class certifications for evaluation and demonstrate competency (as required in NBFARS By-laws for Rescue Technicians). They also must pass a test given by the Chief or Sr Rescue Technician appointed by the Chief prior to being given Rescue Technician status.

By signing below I agree to the above Associate Membership guidelines (and any future changes or additions made to them). At any time I can terminate my membership and understand that the North Brunswick First Aid & Rescue Squad may do the same.

Name

Date