**Possible Questions about Membership**

Applicants and recruits may have questions and concerns about your department before committing. Your department should make these decisions in advance to ensure continuity within the department and recruiters

1. Can I come to the station and ride along to see what is involved?

2. How often do I need to be at the station?

3. How many meeting does the department have? When are the meetings? (e.g. every third Monday at 8:00pm) Must I attend?

4. How much initial training is involved? How many classes or training sessions must I attend?

5. What is the process to becoming a volunteer member?

*Possible reply:*

*Complete either a Membership Application and turn it into a member of the membership committee, or go to our Website (www.\_\_\_\_\_\_.org) and complete our online membership application to get started.*

*For consideration for membership with the Department, you will also need to submit to a background check.*

* Tennessee State Criminal Background Investigation*

* DMV-Driving Record Search*

* Employment/School & Personal Reference check*

* Comprehensive Physical performed by \_\_\_\_*

6. Can I start my training before I become a member?

7. If I have had previous out-of-state firefighter and/or EMS training, is this taken into consideration?

8. What is the health or medical requirement?

9. What is the difference between an Operational and Administrative member?

*Possible reply:*

*If you are applying to be an Operational Member (Running), you will be required to attend duty crews, required trainings, and classes, thus becoming an EMT or First Responder, or Firefighter.*

*If you are applying to be an Administrative Member (Non-Running), you will be helping to keep the station running smoothly from day to day. Generally, it is whatever you feel you can contribute. Some examples of what our administrative members do:*

* Organizing the Department’s quarterly events*

* Planning and running fundraisers*

* Helping with mailings for membership drives*

* Helping to find grants for our Department*

* Accounting and other administrative functions*

10. How often does the department have educational sessions at schools and/or at the fire station?

11. How often does the department have fundraisers? Do I need to participate?

12. What happens if I do not or cannot attend a duty crew?

13. What does the station issue me?

14. What other supplies do I need?