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**5-1-1: DEPARTMENT CREATED:** There is hereby created a Fire Department, consisting of a Chief, three (3) Captains, three (3) Engineers and such other members of the Department as may be provided for from time to time by the President and Board of Trustees.

**5-1-2: APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS:**

- (A) Appointments of full time members to the Fire Department shall be made by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners in the manner provided by Section 10-2.1-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code. (1963 Code, \*7.02).
- (B) EMT-B, as a minimum, shall be required as a condition of employment for full time appointments.
- (C) Firefighter promotions shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, Village of East Alton, State of Illinois, and the Illinois Fire Department Promotion Act (50 ILCS 742/1 et seq) and where applicable, the Illinois Fire and Police Commissioners provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-1 et seq)., and in accordance with the existing union contract.
- (D) All probationary firefighters must complete the basic level course, approved by the office of the State Fire Marshall, and pass the state test of certification at the basic level, within the twelve-month probationary period.

**5-1-3: DISCHARGES:** No full time fireman shall be discharged from the Department except after a hearing on the charges before the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners as provided by Statute. This section does not affect the power of the President and Board of Trustees to appoint and remove the Fire Chief. (1963 Code, \* 7.03)

**5-1-4: FIRE CHIEF:** The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the President by and with the consent of the Board of Trustees. (1963 Code, \* 7.04)

**5-1-5: FIRE CHIEF'S DUTIES:**

(A) **Supervision Over Department:** The Fire Chief shall have control, subject to the order and direction of the President, of the Fire Department and all fire apparatus belonging to the Village. Whenever any fire apparatus needs repairing the Fire Chief shall cause the same to be done without delay.

(B) **Command at Fires:** In case of fire the Fire Chief and his assistants shall rank in the order named and the officer of the highest rank at the fire shall take command of the Fire Department and direct the management thereof for the suppression of the fire in the best manner possible. When it may be necessary for the protection of other property and to prevent the spread of conflagration, the officer in command may cause buildings to be removed, torn down or destroyed in the best manner possible.

(C) **Records:** The Fire Chief shall keep a record of all fires, and during the last week in April of each year file with the Clerk a full report of such records and attendance and fires, which report shall be under oath. (1963 Code, \* 7.05)

**5-1-6: VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CREATED:** There is hereby created a Volunteer Fire Department, an Official Department to assist the Chief and the regular paid Firemen when needed. The number of Volunteers will be determined by the President and Board of Trustees.

**5-1-7: COMPENSATION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREMEN:** The Volunteers shall be compensated for their duties at a rate designated by the President and the Board of Trustees. (1975 Code)

**5-1-8: MEMBERS DUTIES:** It shall be the duty of the Fire Department and every member thereof to extinguish accidental or destructive fire, to prevent the occurrence of the spread of fires and to enforce all ordinances relating to the occurrence or spread of fires. (1963 Code, \* 7.08)

**5-1-9: NEGLECT OF DUTY:** Any fireman in attendance at a fire who fails to obey the orders of the officer in command at such fire shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a violation of a Municipal Ordinance. (1963 Code, \* 7.09; Amd. 1975 Code)

**5-1-10: CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS; VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:** The Volunteer Fire Department shall be regulated by Rules and Regulations set by the Fire Chief and Fire Committee. These Rules and Regulations shall be in writing and voted on as a resolution by the President and Board of Trustees.

**5-1-11: ASSISTING FIREMEN:** In emergency cases, every person over the age of twenty-one (21) years who shall be present at a fire shall be subject to the orders of the officer in command at such fire. He shall render all assistance in his power in such manner as he may be directed in the extinguishment of the fire, and in the removal and protection of property. No person shall be bound to obey any such officer unless such officer's official character shall be known or made known to such person. (1963 Code, 7.11)

**5-1-12: POLICE POWERS:** Members of the Fire Department shall enforce the provisions of this Title Five (5). They may arrest on view any person violating any provisions of this Title Five (5) or any person who resists or refuses to obey any such officer in the discharge of his duty. (1963 Code, 7.12; Amd. 1975 Code)

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