

**BY-LAWS
OF THE
FLORIDA STATE
FIREMEN'S
AUXILIARY
Revised June, 2011**

**A CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT
UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE
OF FLORIDA**

MOTTO:

Loyal to our duty

FLOWER:

American Beauty Rose

COLOR:

Red/White

Whenever the feminine singular form of the pronoun is used in these by-laws, it shall be construed to mean the feminine, masculine, singular or plural wherever the context so requires.

PRAYERS FOR THE AUXILIARY

Our gracious Father we implore Thy blessing upon this Auxiliary; help us in our association together, to be kindly affectionate one with another. Guard and protect from danger our loved ones engaged in the service of the department, and give us all grace so to live that others seeing our good works may glorify Our Father which is in Heaven. Amen.

Rev. H. Fields Saumenig
Daytona Beach

Almighty God, we beseech Thy blessing upon our Auxiliary. Give us grace to employ all our time and talents in the service which Thou has appointed for us. Grant to each of us the strength we need to accomplish our task. We are conscious today of our heritage of devotion, courage and sacrifice.

Grant unto our men this day, Thy protection, love and mercy, because this vital job must be done, and because they are dedicated. Help us to respond gladly and generously to their needs.

May we honor one another and sacredly cherish our Auxiliary in the bonds of love.

Dedicated to Thee, may we move forward as one united body; through our Heavenly Father, our Redeemer. Amen.

Rev. J.D. Hamel
Sarasota-1962

1932	Mrs. A.J. White	Tampa
1933	Mrs. Armin L. Smith	Jacksonville
1934	Mrs. E. F. Gardner	Jacksonville
1935	Mrs. I. W. Ward	Kissimmee
1936	Mrs. H. W. Fersch	Vero Beach
1937	Mrs. L. F. Boitell	Jacksonville
1938	Mrs. E. C. Henshaw	New Smyrna
1939	Mr. M. N. Cleveland	Sanford
1940	Selma Pennington	Orlando
1941-1945	Dorothy Guthrie Thomas	Lake Worth
1946-1948	Mrs. J. N. Anders	Jacksonville
1949-1950	Mrs. Ben Torres	Tampa
1951	Maude Brause	Lake Worth
1952	Nina Paulson	Vero Beach
1953	Pauline DuPriest	Lake City
1954	Annie Torres	Tampa
1955	Oma Lee Edwards	Lake Worth
1956	Frances Peters	Jacksonville
1957-1958	Margaret P. Robbins	Maderira Beach
1959	Mrs. Harold Larsen	New Smyrna
1960	Pearl Godwin	Okeechobee
1961	Joyce Mason	Lakeland
1962	Mrs. James Arbuthnot	Lake Alfred
1963	Marian B. Myers	Ft. Meade
1964	Vi Seitner	Eau Gallie
1965	Grace W. Drumwright	Sarasota
1966	Mrs. C. R. Cote	Jacksonville
1967	Mrs. Raymond Routzong	Jacksonville
1968	Lolas L. Hedges	Pompano Beach
1969	Mrs. Sam Heisler	Fountain
1970	Mrs. Richard Blankenbecklor	Orlando
1971	Roberta Flowers	Avon Park
1972	Mrs. William Bellamy	Palmetto
1973	Mrs. Gene Wright	Boynton Beach
1974	Glenna Webb	Delray Beach
1975	Ruby Greer	Lake Worth
1976	Barbara Feltenbarger	N. Lauderdale
1977	Thelma McKinley	Plantation
1978	Cyndi Tickle	Melbourne
1979	Sharon Noyes	Ft. Pierce
1980	Louise Jones	Goldenrod-Dommerich
1981	Lynn Light	Sarasota
1982	Joan E. Drymon	Sarasota County
1982	Joan Chipley	Orlando

1983-1984	Betsy Gerner	Delray Beach
1985	Kathy Arrants	Palm Beach Gardens
1986	Nola Hutt	Jacksonville
1987	Marilyn Brent	Palm Beach Gardens
1988	Carol Andrick	Englewood
1989-1990	Marian Spalding	Old Dixie
1991	Joyce Simpkins	Plantation
1992	Kathleen Brown	
1993	Myrtle Blanchard	Palm Beach Gardens
1994	Sharon Wacha	Sarasota
1995-1996	Barbara Ennis	St. Cloud
1997-1998	Betsy Gerner	Delray Beach
1999-2002	Udessa Lovely	Old Dixie
2003-2007	Roberta Flowers	Avon Park
2008-2011	Barbara Feltenbarger	N. Lauderdale

HONORARY MEMBERS

Chief Max Bennett, Orlando
Chief J. B. Chancey, Jacksonville
Tom Sexton, Ocala
Chief E. J. Langley, Sr., Chattahoochee
Terry Bullard, Sarasota
Dick Seitner, Melbourne
H. M. Mack Flowers, Avon Park

LIFE MEMBERS

Louise B. Moxley, Orlando
Isabelle Langley, Chattahoochee

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Claire Sachse, Orlando
Annabelle Gollattscheck, Lake Park
Marian Spalding, Old Dixie
Erma Roach, Vero Beach
Sharon Wacha, Sarasota
Myrtle Blanchard, Palm Beach Gardens

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**ARTICLE I
NAME**

This organization shall be known as the Florida State Firemen's Auxiliary.

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE**

SECTION 1: We, the members of the Florida State Firemen's Auxiliary, have duly organized to assist the Florida State Firemen's Association in arranging and managing social and business affairs in connection with State Conventions, as well as district meeting, and to encourage the formation of local auxiliaries through different districts.

SECTION 2: To be ready to render support to any form of legislation that may be of benefit to the members of the Florida State Firemen's Association.

SECTION 3: To be actively involved in Public Education of Fire Prevention.

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1: Those eligible for membership in the Auxiliary shall be members of the fire services; or wives, husbands, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, daughters, sons granddaughters and grandsons over 18 years of age of an active, retired or deceased person of the fire service.

SECTION 2: That anyone having done outstanding work for the Auxiliary may be made an Honorary member, the honor being made from the Conference floor. Honorary members shall have the right to attend meetings and speak, but not to make motions or vote

SECTION 3: Any officer who **serves** five continuous years in office, shall be made a Honorary Life Member of the State Auxiliary.

SECTION 3 A: Honorary Life members shall not pay dues, shall have the rights of full membership. A voluntary contribution of \$10.00 may be given to help offset the expenses of the Auxiliary

SECTION 4: An Associate Member, local or state, is a person who in interested in Fire Department service pays dues, shall be eligible to vote but hold office.

SECTION 5 : Life Members shall have the right to attend meetings, to speak, make motions, vote. A voluntary contribution of \$10.00 may be given to help offset the expenses of the Auxiliary

ARTICLE IV ELECTIONS

SECTION 1: The officers of the Auxiliary shall consist of a President, a Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, a Parliamentarian, and Chaplain. They shall be elected annually at the meeting of members of the Auxiliary and shall hold office of one (1) year or until their successor shall be elected and qualified.

Section 1A: Qualifications of Officers: To hold an elective office, a member shall have been a member of the Florida State Firemen's Auxiliary for not less than two (2) years and be not less than 21 years of age.

Section 2: Whereas the Auxiliary recognizes the impossibility of getting all of its members in convention at one time; it is hereby provided that each auxiliary may have a vote for each active member who has paid their dues. If the local auxiliary prefers, it can delegate to one member the right to vote the entire paid active membership of said auxiliary and shall be entitled to one vote for each member. In towns or cities not having an auxiliary but having a member or members of the State Auxiliary, such members of the State Auxiliary shall be allowed one vote.

Section 2A: In determining who has paid dues, the books of the Secretary shall be consulted and they shall be binding upon the delegates.

Section 3: Any member in good standing and unable to attend convention may vote by proxy.

Section 4: The President upon approval of the Executive Board shall fill a vacancy in any office during the year

Section 5: No elective officer may **serve** more than ten (10) consecutive terms in any one office.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

SECTION 1: The Auxiliary shall hold a meeting annually, time and location to be decided by the Florida State Firemen's Association.

SECTION 2: The Executive Board shall meet on the occasion of the State Convention or at such time and place as they decide upon or by call of the President. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Executive Board.

SECTION 3: The Executive Board shall consist of all elected officers.

SECTION 4: A majority vote of the Executive Board shall have the power to dispense monies of the Florida State Firemen's Auxiliary to aid and abet the good of the Florida State Firemen's Association or the Florida State Firemen's Auxiliary, when not in conflict with the by-laws of the State Auxiliary or the State of Florida. These votes may be confirmed by absentee ballots.

SECTION 5: A report of all Board meetings shall be read at annual convention. Recommendations shall be read and voted on separately.

SECTION 6: The fiscal year of the Florida State Firemen's Auxiliary shall be from the annual convention to the next annual convention.

. ARTICLE VI DUTIES

SECTION 1: The duties of the President shall be to preside at the State meetings of the Auxiliary, and to appoint all committees both standing and special. The President shall serve as program chairman for the annual convention of the State Auxiliary.

SECTION 2: The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence. The Vice President shall be Finance Chairman. The Vice Presidents duties shall be to raise money for the Florida State Firemen's Auxiliary.

SECTION 3: *The* duties of the Secretary/Treasurer shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting and to conduct the necessary correspondence. The Secretary/Treasurer shall collect all monies and deposit it in a bank, taking receipt thereof. The Secretary/ Treasurer shall have a record of all money received and disbursed and shall submit an annual report of it to the Convention auditing committee. The Secretary/Treasurer shall disburse monies through authorization by 2 or 3 officers of the board, President, Vice President or Secretary/Treasurer, or by instruction of the Auxiliary in annual meeting assembled. At the annual meeting the Secretary/Treasurer shall have a full report of all monies received and distributed by that office and shall give a complete report to the auditing committee. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for all properties of the State Auxiliary.

SECTION 4: The duties of the Chaplain shall be to open and close meetings with a prayer. The Chaplain shall be chairman of the annual memorial service The Chaplain shall try to be of comfort in time of sickness and sorrow and on happy occasions too. The Chaplain shall perform the duties of publicity chairman.

SECTION 5: The duties of the Parliamentarian shall be to revise and amend any changes in the by-laws and be ready to advise the President on any point of parliamentary procedure. The Parliamentarian will be responsible for having the "Immediate Past President" name engraved on the Past President's Plaque, within three (3) months of the close of convention. The Parliamentarian shall act as liaison officer to the Association Legislative Committee.

ARTICLE VII DUES

SECTION 1: The dues shall be ten (\$10) dollars per member due annually January 1st. and delinquent at convention.

ARTICLE VIII EXPENSES

SECTION 1: The actual expenses incurred by the Executive Board while attending official board meetings and/or annual state convention shall be paid by the State Auxiliary.

SECTION 2: The Secretary/Treasurer shall receive \$250.00 annually for the expense of office from the Auxiliary.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENTS to these by-laws may be offered by any member of the Florida State Firemen's Auxiliary proposing same in writing, serving the President and Secretary/Treasurer with a copy thereof, at the annual meeting. If a majority of the membership at the Convention present and voting shall favor such proposed amendment that such amendment shall become effective at the conclusion of the convention. Amendments may be made to these by-laws upon a vote of Two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Board approving same.

ARTICLE X PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Auxiliary.

STANDING RULES

1. All past presidents are to be made life members and receive a life membership card and certificate.
2. All past presidents are to receive a Past President's pin to be purchased by the Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Firebug gift exchange shall be an annual affair. The gift is a token of friendship and should be a minimal amount. A reminder will be sent by the Secretary/Treasurer for the Firebug gift for anyone wishing to participate.
4. 100% membership in the State Auxiliary means all active and associate members of a local auxiliary must pay State dues.
5. Vouchers must be signed by President and Secretary/Treasurer for all disbursements.
6. The President shall appoint a committee to work with registration committee at Convention.
7. Secretary/Treasurer shall send credential blanks to each Auxiliary before Convention, stating the membership and votes entitled to. Secretary/Treasurer shall send membership blanks to each Auxiliary each year.
8. Delegates must have credential blanks properly filled out and signed and presented to the credentials committee, in order to vote at Convention.
9. Expenses are to be actual expenses when attending Auxiliary business.
10. We may have a Themed Luncheon at annual Convention at which time local Presidents, past and present, are given recognition.
11. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance at opening session.
12. Roll call of delegates at each meeting.
13. Auditing Committee shall audit the books of the Secretary/Treasurer of the Auxiliary at the annual Convention.
14. An Auxiliary, to be recognized as such, must have at least five members with State dues paid; any lesser number will be considered as individual members.
15. We have a State Prayer adopted in 1948 and an alternate one in 1962.
16. That portion of the Convention minutes which contain motions or important decisions, shall be read at next Convention and added to records.
17. The purchase of any new properties must be made a matter of record.
18. Names of new auxiliaries shall be sent to the Florida Firemen's Website.
19. That we pledge assistance to any fireman and his family who needs it in time of natural or national disaster.
20. That election of officers be held at the annual Convention.
21. That the immediate Past President shall be nominated Parliamentarian.

22. The Membership Committee shall be a standing committee with the chairman being appointed annually by the president at Convention.
23. The By-Laws Committee to be chaired by the Parliamentarian.

CUSTOMS

1. Summation of the Convention to be published on the Florida State Firefighter's website.
2. The original copy of the Convention Minutes be retained with the property of the Secretary/Treasurer.