

“The Society” in the following Membership Rules refers to “The Fire Brigade Society”.

## [1] INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 These Membership Rules are to enable members to enjoy the aims and objectives of The Society.
- 1.2. These rules are also intended to allow members to follow their interests in fire service activities in a safe environment with due consideration for others.
- 1.3 These rules are the framework and standards to uphold the established good name of The Society.

## [2] GENERAL

- 2.1 It is implicit that by accepting membership, members of The Society will comply with its Constitution and Membership Rules.
- 2.2 Attention is drawn to the relevant sections of the Constitution which highlight members’ responsibilities, i.e. Membership of The Society, Election to Membership, Membership Fees, Administration of The Society, Rights of Members, Responsibilities of Members, Resignation of Membership, Suspension and Expulsion from Membership.

## [3] VISITS AND EVENTS

### **3.1 General**

- 3.1.1 Each member attending a visit, or event, must advise the Area Secretary, or nominated representative, of their intention to attend a visit, or event, by the date defined by the organiser, or if no date is defined, at least 7 days before the visit, or event.
- 3.1.2 Each member, who has indicated their intention to attend a visit, or event, must advise the Area Secretary, or nominated representative, at the earliest opportunity if they cannot attend.
- 3.1.3 Members must comply with any restrictions and/or requirements associated with a visit, or event, e.g. numbers allowed by host fire service on visit, age restrictions applied by host fire service, etc.
- 3.1.4 Non – members, unless authorised by The Committee, will not be allowed on visits.
- 3.1.5 Any member under the age of 16 [Junior Member] must be accompanied on visits, or events, by an Associate, Ordinary, or Honorary Life Member, and that Associate, Ordinary, or Honorary Life Member must advise the visit, or event, organiser of the name of the Junior Member they are accompanying.
- 3.1.6 Members must carry a current membership card on all Society Visits, and be prepared to show same when requested.
- 3.1.7 Members should be aware that wearing corporate clothing to a visit/event may lead to security checks relating to the individual’s entitlement to wear that clothing.
- 3.1.8 A visit, or event, organiser’s decision is final.

### **3.2 Behaviour**

- 3.2.1 Members must accept that on visits we are guests of fire and rescue services, etc., and must behave in a manner so as not to cause any embarrassment, offence or distress to The Society corporately, or to individual Members, to our hosts, or to members of the public, this includes avoiding inappropriate language on visits/events.
- 3.2.2 Members must comply with any request made to them by the visit/event organiser/co-coordinator, or a representative of the host.
- 3.2.3 Smoking is prohibited on fire service property, and other sites, The Society visit. Members must not smoke in areas apart from those designated for such activities.

### **3.3 Dress and Appearance**

- 3.3.1 Establishments visited by The Society are generally defined as, "workplaces", and Members are reminded that their choice of dress for visits should reflect that status and be to the minimum standard of "smart casual", including appropriate footwear.
- 3.3.2 Offensive logos or text on clothing are not permitted.

### **3.4 Health and Safety**

- 3.4.1 Fire stations, etc., are workplaces and as such are subject to statutory Health and Safety restrictions and members must observe any instructions/requirements as stated by the host/organiser.
- 3.4.2 Members must not act in any way so as to delay, or impede, the turnout of any emergency vehicle.

### **3.5 Consideration**

- 3.5.1 Members must act with due regard and consideration to other Society members, fire service or host personnel, neighbours of stations and establishments visited, their property and members of the public.
- 3.5.2 Members must keep areas of restricted access e.g. narrow pavements, especially public pavements, areas reserved for retained emergency crews, clear at all times.
- 3.5.3 No member should interfere with road traffic flow, members of the public, or the turnout of emergency vehicles, to aid photography.
- 3.5.4 Members must not position themselves so as to endanger themselves or others, including road users and pedestrians, for any reason, including photography.

### **3.6 Photography**

- 3.6.1 The Society visit organiser will designate a single person responsible for liaising with the fire service/host personnel for the suitable positioning of vehicles for photography and members must direct all requests for positioning via the nominated person.
- 3.6.2 No member should aid the driver in positioning the vehicle, e.g. by giving hand signals for reversing, etc. [unless specifically requested by the driver].

### **3.7 Security at Visits and Events**

- 3.7.1 Members must fully comply, at visits and events, with any security restrictions placed upon them by our hosts.
- 3.7.2 When visiting airport fire services, restrictions regarding taking "sharp" or "pointed" objects, or any items deemed prohibited "airside", must be complied with in full.

## **[4] FIRE GROUND, AD HOC VISITS AND INFORMATION REQUESTS**

- 4.1 Membership of The Society does not entitle the holder to request access to any fireground or to any fire service establishment.
- 4.2 Members must not use The Society's name, or membership of it, to facilitate personal visits to or request information from fire services or other fire related establishments, organisations or manufacturers.

## **[5] MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND DATA**

- 5.1 All membership information is regarded as confidential and is used within The Society to enable its aims and objectives to be met. Members must comply with this status.
- 5.2 Membership information must not be disclosed by any officer, or member, in any format to a third party e.g. disclosure of the contents of membership lists.

*The Society Committee agreed these Membership Rules in accordance with The Fire Brigade Society Constitution on 31st January 2010 and they supersede previous issues.*