

**YADKIN COUNTY
VOLUNTEER
FIRE AND RESCUE
ASSOCIATION,
INCORPORATED**



**YADKIN COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA**



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW'S

The members of the various Fire and Rescue Departments in Yadkin County, North Carolina, do hereby associate themselves together for the purpose of, and under the terms set forth herein, and shall be subject to by-law's which shall be enacted by a majority vote of the general membership of this association.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this Association shall be Yadkin County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose and intent of this association is to correlate the efforts of the Fire and Rescue Personnel in Yadkin County, North Carolina in order that the communities may be educated in fire prevention and first-aid, and that the Fire and Rescue Personnel may receive uniform training that is necessary for effective cooperation in the county wide program.

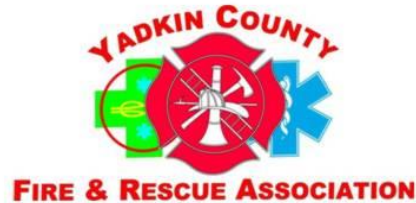
ARTICLE III SCOPE

The association shall be and remain non-partisan and shall be operated on a non-profit, civic, charitable, social educational, and non-sectarian basis.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

I. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

The general membership of this association shall be limited to persons of good moral character, interested in the general welfare of their communities, and who are enrolled in the Fire and Rescue Unit, or the governing body of one of the Fire and Rescue Departments of Yadkin County, North Carolina. Each individual Fire and Rescue Department shall determine the eligibility of its members for membership in this association under this Article.



II. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER:

Ex-Officio Member shall be a non-voting member of good moral character, and interested in the general welfare of the citizens of Yadkin County and the work of the Yadkin County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association members. An Ex-Officio member has to be a representative of a State, County, or Local entity that has a mutual involvement with the services provided by the fire and rescue departments in Yadkin County and can provide direct information to the general membership of this association. Ex-Officio membership will be decided on by a favorable vote of the general membership of the Yadkin County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the association shall be carried on by a Board of Directors in the absence of a regular meeting of the general membership of the association.

The Board shall include two (2) members only from each active Fire and Rescue Department in Yadkin County. The Chief of each fire/rescue department shall serve as one of the two members.

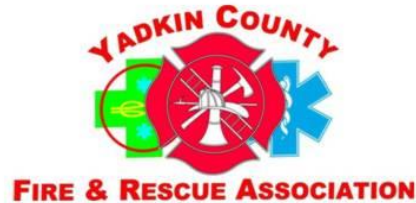
Each individual Fire and Rescue Department shall elect one director other than the Chief from their active membership roster for membership on the Board of Directors.

At least two-thirds of the board membership shall be present before any business can be conducted by said board.

The officers of the association shall be voting members of the Board of Directors, with the exception of the President, while presiding as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The President shall vote only in the event of a tie-vote.

The Secretary of the association shall serve as Secretary to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall meet monthly for the first year then they shall meet quarterly, just prior to the quarterly meeting of the association. The board shall also meet at other times as necessary and shall have authority to proceed to transact business of the association at any meeting where majority of the Board Members are present.



When a course of action or policy has been determined at a meeting of the general membership, the board shall follow the wishes of the association.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS; THEIR DUTIES

The officers of the association shall be a President, Vice-President, Chaplain, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually for a one year term by a majority vote of the general membership present at the annual meeting.

A. President:

The President shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Chief Executive Officer of the Association. It shall be the President's duty and responsibility to preside at all meetings, to represent the association whenever a representative of the association is required at public meetings. He shall execute all contracts, agreements, and other legal instruments on behalf of the association. The President shall appoint under Chairman: membership program, fire insurance rating, and special committees from the general membership of the association.

B. Vice President:

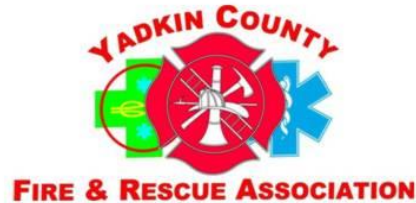
The Vice-President shall assist the President. He shall act as Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors in the absence of the President. The Vice-President present at a meeting but not presiding, shall act as marshal to determine the presence of a quorum, the number of qualified voters for each Fire and Rescue Department, and to determine the number of votes cast for each candidate for office, or for or against any motion which is voted upon. Additional Marshals shall be appointed by the presiding officer as many as may be necessary.

C. Chaplain:

The Chaplain shall have charge of the devotions at the meeting, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of his office.

D. Secretary:

The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the association and shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Directors. He or she shall keep a roster of the members and a membership list shall be forwarded to all member departments at least annually. He or She shall distribute by electronic format a copy of the meeting minutes to each department of the association.



E. Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall handle all monies, pay all accounts due, and keep a record of all income and expenditures. He or she shall establish a banking account in the name of the “Yadkin County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association” in a licensed FDIC bank in the County of Yadkin.

All Funds paid out shall be by check signed by the Treasurer and counter-signed by the President or Vice-President.

The Board of Directors decision shall be final in settlement of any disputes arising on boundaries of Fire Districts or other disagreements between Rural Fire and Rescue Departments.

No Fire or Rescue Department within the County shall have more than one executive officer.

Any elected officer of the Chiefs’ Council shall not, at the same time, hold an executive office within this Association.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held quarterly on the third Thursday of January, April, July and October at 7pm or following the Chiefs’ Council meeting with special meetings if and when necessary.

Special meetings of the association can only be called by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors on forty-eight hours notice to all directors, who shall endeavor to have as many members as possible present for the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII PROJECTS

The Board of Directors shall determine what projects the association shall engage in, and should the proposed project require an assessment against the membership, then said project must be approved by a majority vote at a regular or special meeting of the general membership.



ARTICLE IX ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The General Membership of the association shall determine the amount of annual contribution which shall be levied against the membership. This amount shall not be changed except by majority vote at an annual meeting.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

This constitution and by-law's may be amended by a two-third vote of the general membership in good standing in attendance at a regular meeting of the association with announcement at a previous meeting, or at a special meeting when the subject of amendment has been made in the call of the meeting.