

## Pinos Altos Volunteer Fire Rescue - Standard Operating Guidelines

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2.1 The purpose of this SOG is to broaden and expand membership alternatives to local residents and other county citizens and to promote participation and support for the Pinos Altos Volunteer Fire and Rescue.

2.2 The Associate Membership would be similar in function to an Honorary Member as described in County By-Laws for Volunteer Fire Departments dated April 6, 2001, Article X, Section 3.

### 2.3 General guidelines

2.3.1 Associate Members can be individuals who wish to support or participate in certain activities conducted by the department, or to consult, assist, or maintain the organization and/or the infrastructure of the department under the supervision of an Active Member of PAVFR.

2.3.2 An Associate Member can be a former Active Member who may no longer desire to maintain the requirements of Active Membership, or new individuals who wish to participate or support but do not wish to meet the requirements of Active Membership.

### 2.4 Procedures

2.4.1 Present Active Members of PAVFR or those who resigned in good standing within the past six months need only request that their status be modified to that of an Associate Member.

2.4.2 Individuals who have never been Active Members or were not recent PAVFR Active Members may request Associate Membership by submitting an Associate Membership Application.

2.4.3 If a current Associate Member wishes to be reinstated to Active Membership, they must submit a PAVFR Active Membership application. If the Associate Member was an Active Member in good standing within the past 12 months, the application can be voted on at the next regular business meeting, forgoing the standard waiting period procedure.

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2.4.4 Each request for Associate Membership is subject to a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Fire and Rescue Volunteers.

### 2.5 Status

2.5.1 An Associate Member may not respond to any emergency calls and will not be issued any personal fire/rescue equipment (PPE) or radio communications gear.

2.5.2. An Active Member moving to an Associate Member status will be required to turn in all personal fire/rescue equipment (PPE) or radio communications gear previously issued to him or her.

2.5.3 An Associate Member is not required to attend regular meetings or training sessions but may choose to attend at their discretion.

2.5.4 An Associate Member may be issued certain PAVFR stickers, labels, patches, and non-PPE clothing.

2.5.5. An Associate Member will not be entitled to any special status in the county organization or retirement accrument.

2.5.6 An Associate Member may be asked to participate in PAVFR activities that may provide support or assistance in the general operation and maintenance of the department or its extracurricular activities.