Physicals

Purpose and Scope:

Prince George Fire, EMS, and Emergency Management strive to make health and safety a priority. Our members are our most important resource and as such it is imperative we assure they are able to meet the rigorous physical demands of Firefighting and EMS activities. Even though this procedure applies to all members entering the organization on or before October 1, 2008, all members are highly encouraged to take advantage of this benefit.

Responsibilities:

Fire Administration:

Upon receiving an application the Prince George Fire, EMS, and Emergency Management office will begin the application process. The office is responsible for assuring application is complete and all waivers for operator license and criminal background checks are signed. Once the application and waivers are completed the background and license requests will be sent to the appropriate agencies within three (3) business days.

The application will be held in the administration office until both operator license and criminal background checks are received. The Director, or designee, will review and sign off on the application background information with any appropriate comments. If the applicant’s criminal history reveals any presumptively disqualifying convictions in accordance with Prince George County ordinance regarding criminal background checks for volunteers, the Director will consult with the County Attorney and advise the appropriate Fire Chief or Emergency Crew Representative of the outcome of the criminal history. If there are no presumptively disqualifying convictions, the application will be sent to the appropriate Company for membership action in accordance with the current Rules and Regulations of the Department and Company.

After receiving notification of the applicant’s acceptance of membership Fire Administration will provide the new member with the Physical Packet. The new member will then have ninety (90) days to complete their physical. The Director or designee may extend the time under extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case base.
Fire Company/Emergency Crew Responsibilities:
The Fire Chief/Emergency Crew Captain or designee is responsible for informing the new member, once they have been approved for membership, of their responsibility to complete the physical information packet. No equipment, uniforms, pagers, etc. are to be issued to the new member nor firefighting or EMS physical activities are to be allowed until confirmation from Fire/EMS Administration the individual has been medically cleared to perform such activities.

Individual Responsibilities:
The applicant is responsible to complete the application form completely and assure the information is accurate and factual with all necessary signatures.

Once the application has been returned to the Company the applicant must comply with the Company's process for membership.

After being accepted as a member the individual must complete the physical information form and returned it to the Fire/EMS Administration office seven (7) business days. The new member will be responsible to contact the current medical provider on contract with Prince George Fire, EMS, and Emergency Management and arrange the physical appointment.

The physical must be completed within ninety (90) days.