Pleasant Valley Fire District
District Policy

Fundraising Policy

Purpose:
The purpose of this fundraising policy is to outline New York State (NYS) General Municipal Law Section 204-a regulation on fundraising for fire company purposes.

Definition:
Fundraising is a method of raising funds for lawful purposes of the fire companies falling under the Pleasant Valley Fire District; Pleasant Valley Fire Company 1 and Salt Point Fire Company. Fundraising shall not include any method prohibited by state constitution or the penal statutes of NYS.

The term "fundraising activity" shall not include drills, parades, inspections, reviews, competitive tournaments, contests, or public exhibitions.

The governing board is the Pleasant Valley Board of Fire Commissioners and maintains the general control of fire companies.

Policy:
Pleasant Valley Fire Company #1 and Salt Point Fire Company may engage in lawful fundraising activities for the benefit of fire company purposes following the policies of Pleasant Valley Fire District and the General Municipal Laws of New York State listed:

- Prohibits public fireworks displays unless conducted in compliance with section 405.00 of the penal law.
- Fundraising activity is under a temporary basis and not to exceed ninety (90) days.
- Ticket sales for fundraising activity shall commence within sixty (60) days prior to activity.
- Two or more fire companies may join in fundraising activities.
- The fundraising activity must take place in New York State.
- The fundraising activity shall be under the exclusive auspices of either Pleasant Valley Fire Company #1 or the Salt Point Fire Company.
- Fundraising activity shall not be conducted in partnership with any other person, organization, corporation, or firm. Exceptions listed below:
    - May accept aid or assistance from a person, organization, corporation, or firm involved in concessions, contracts for rides or other attractions.
    - May accept aid or assistance from persons who are not active members of the fire company, or other organizations, corporations, or firms in conjunction with concessions, contracts for rides or other attractions.
- The firehouse, firehouse grounds, fire vehicles and apparatus, or other property, real and personal, generally used by the fire company for its purposes may be used by it in the conduct of any such fundraising activity.

- If a member attends the fundraising activity for his/her own pleasure or convenience, and not as a worker at the fundraiser, he/she shall not be deemed to be engaged in the conduct of the fundraising activity.

The Pleasant Valley Board of Fire Commissioners may:

- Prohibit either fire company from engaging in fund raising activities or in any general or specific type of fundraising activity.
- Require the fire company, at its expense, to provide any insurance protection which deems necessary to protect the Pleasant Valley Fire District against claims and actions for damages by third parties arising out of or in connection with a fundraising activity.
- Before engaging in a fundraising activity, Pleasant Valley Fire Company #1, Salt Point Fire Company, Pleasant Valley Ladies Auxiliary or Salt Point Auxiliary SHALL notify the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District in writing, at the monthly Board of Fire Commissioners meeting, proposing to conduct a fundraising activity.
    - Any such written notice shall contain a general description of the method which will be used to raise funds and shall specify the time or times when, the place(s) where, and the period(s) during which the activity will be conducted and shall set forth the names of the firefighters who will serve on each of the committees or subcommittees in connection with the activity. This notice shall be placed in the Board of Fire Commissioners monthly minutes.
    - If no action is taken by the Board of Fire Commissioners prohibiting such activity within thirty days after the filing of such notice, then it shall be deemed that the Board of Fire Commissioners has no objection to such activity and the fire company may proceed to conduct the same.
- All fundraising written material that will be publicly distributed, including, but not limited to flyers, pamphlets, posters, ads, social media templates, etc. SHALL come before the Board of Fire Commissioners for approval prior to engaging in any fundraising activity.
- All apparel being used for fundraising purposes, including event staff identification t-shirts; SHALL come before the Board of Fire Commissioners for approval prior to engaging in any fundraising activity.

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