

OSAGE TOWNSHIP  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

CONSTITUTION  
January 1, 2006

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of this organization is the OSAGE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSE**

The purposes of this department are:

- A. To provide protection for safeguarding life and property.
- B. To promote fire prevention throughout the Osage Fire District.

**ARTICLE III**

**LOCATION**

The meeting place of the department shall be the fire station within the fire district.

**ARTICLE IV**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership Qualifications: Except as determined by the Chief, anyone living within the fire district, who is of good character, and who is of sufficiently good health, is eligible to make application for membership.

Section 2. Classes of Membership: There are four classes of membership for firefighting and medical, namely; Provisional, Active, Inactive, and Honorary.

- A. Provisional Members: Provisional members are applicants who have not yet completed the basic training requirements.
- B. Active Members: Active members are all regular members and officers of the department subject to call and to all the duties imposed upon regular department members. All active members shall have voting rights.
- C. Inactive Members: Inactive members are all members who are not mobilized and who do not engage in the active duties of firefighting/medical. Such membership may include, but is not limited to, the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

D. Honorary Members: Honorary members are members who have at least ten (10) years of consecutive service as a member of the department, or have been elected an honorary member by a two-thirds vote of the active members present at any meeting. Honorary members shall not be entitled to vote, hold office, or be subject to any duties imposed upon active members, but shall be entitled to participate in all department activities.

*ARTICLE V*

**UNIFORM BY-LAWS**

The provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Department shall meet the requirement as may be established by the Osage Township Board.

*ARTICLE VI*

**AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active members present at any regular meeting, preceded by notice of the proposed amendment presented at the regular monthly meeting not less than one month previous thereto.