

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
DEATH BENEFIT FUND INFORMATIONAL SHEET

WHAT IS THE DEATH BENEFIT FUND?

This is was fund set up by the SCVFA to pay a death benefit to the next-of-kin of all members of the fund.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN?

The death benefit fund is open to all individuals whose company is a member of the SCVFA however, individual members must join before reaching their 45th birthday.

HOW MUCH ARE DUES AND HOW MUCH IS THE BENEFIT?

Currently dues are \$2.00 yearly and the death benefit is \$100.00.

WHEN ARE DUES DUE?

Dues must be received by the 31st of March yearly. If no dues are received by that date, then the member becomes "non-beneficial"; meaning no benefits will be paid in the event of his/her death. If dues are still not paid by December 31st of the current year, then that member is dropped from the roster. To minimize possible errors and to optimize record keeping, companies sending dues should try to send all Death Benefit Dues at one time and separately from Company Dues.

WHO DO I PAY MY DUES TO?

It is preferred that individual members of the Fund pay their \$2.00 dues to their Fire Company which should then submit all members' dues at one time, with one check or money order to SCVFA, P.O. Box 192, Mahanoy City, PA 17948. Some members prefer to send their dues directly to the SCVFA Financial/Beneficial Secretary.

HOW CAN I JOIN?

Any Schuylkill County Firefighter whose company is a member of the Association can join by completing an application and submitting \$2.00 dues. Company Secretaries should have the form. If not, one can be requested or downloaded at www.mcfed.net under the County Assn. link. (Also see the question above - "Who is eligible to join".)

HOW CAN I CHANGE INFORMATION ONCE I'M A MEMBER?

Changes in a member's name, beneficiary, address, etc. should be sent, in writing, to the Financial/Beneficial Secretary as soon as possible.

WHAT PAPERWORK IS NEEDED IN THE EVENT OF A DEATH?

In the event of a death to a Fund member, a Death Certificate is needed along with the current name and address of the Beneficiary. If no beneficiary is available, the \$100 benefit will be sent to the Funeral Director. Do not send a photocopy of a death certificate.

WHO IS THE BENEFICIAL SECRETARY?

Currently, the Financial/Beneficial Secretary for the Death Benefit Fund is:

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