

Alton Fire/Rescue Department
“Code of Ethics”

Fire Rescue is an honorable calling. Service in this field demands a professional rather than an occupational philosophy. Personal honor, a desire for professional status and devotion to service above self are the motives which impel a responder to discharge their responsibilities in full measure.

A responder's life is one of self-sacrificing service to a high ideal based upon their recognition of the responsibilities entrusted to them and the belief that Fire Rescue is an honorable profession. They fully accept their responsibilities to protect life and property and to aid those in distress. They perform the functions of their job without fear, favor, or prejudice and do not engage in unlawful or improper practices. They do not seek to benefit personally from the aid they render by virtue of their assignment. They are respectful and courteous to all citizens. They are faithful and loyal to their organization, constantly striving to cooperate with and to promote better relations with all regularly constituted fire prevention and suppression agencies and their representatives in matters of mutual interest and obligation.

Rigid adherence to the principles set out above is mandatory for anyone accepting a position with the Fire/Rescue Department. Acceptance of these principles should not be perfunctory, it should be weighed carefully. Citizens are quick to criticize any misconduct of members of the Department as the community places a trust in Fire/Rescue personnel and expects them to conduct themselves so as to merit this trust. Members should be proud to hold a position that demands so much.

There must be moral philosophy and strong appreciation of the need for service in any profession. Unwavering adherence to such a moral philosophy will earn Fire/Rescue personnel the respect and support of the public.

Each member of the Fire/Rescue Department will be required to conform to the Fire/Rescue Department “Code of Ethics”.