

The following proposed changes to Article II of the SFFMA Constitution are intended to:

1. Group various entities in such a way as to help simplify an unnecessarily complicated membership structure for the association.
2. Establish SFFMA district associations under a unique class of membership.
3. Remove unnecessary language.

EXISTING LANGUAGE:

Section 2. **Active membership** shall consist of regularly organized fire departments, emergency services districts, rescue & first responder organizations and 9-1-1 emergency medical service providers of the State, whether civilian, military, or industrial; the regularly appointed or duly elected fire marshals of any city, town, county, or political subdivision in the State; the State Fire Marshal and Assistant Fire Marshal; representatives of each of the respective district associations; county associations; rescue organizations all of which now exist or are hereafter formed or created and which are recognized by the Executive Board of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

Section 2.1. **Active Junior Membership** shall consist of individuals 14 to 17 years of age that wish to utilize the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas certification program to record and track training that is compliant with State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas Certification Board policies. Active Junior members must convert their membership status to Active Membership status upon their eighteenth birthday in order to continue certification program participation. Active Junior Members shall not be eligible for any State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas member benefits other than recording and tracking the above described training.

Section 3. **Sustaining membership** shall be limited to the manufacturers, jobbers, distributors, and/or sales personnel of fire apparatus, equipment and accessories, and companies having a genuine interest in the betterment of the fire service of Texas. Membership under this classification may exhibit products, equipment, and goods and services at the annual training conference and convention. This type of membership is available when qualified as provided in the by-laws of this association.

Section 4. **Organization membership** shall be limited to state agencies, nonprofit entities, support organizations, fire marshal offices, and 16 district organizations having a genuine interest in the betterment of the fire service of Texas. Membership under this classification is available when qualified as provided in the by-laws of this association.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

Section 2. **Active membership** shall consist of regularly organized fire departments, **fire marshal offices,** emergency services districts, rescue & first responder organizations and 9-1-1 emergency medical service providers of the State, whether civilian, military, or industrial; the regularly appointed or duly elected fire marshals of any city, town, county, or political subdivision in the State; the State Fire Marshal and Assistant Fire Marshal; representatives of each of the respective district associations; county associations; rescue organizations all of which now exist or are hereafter formed or created and which are recognized by the Executive Board of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

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