

One Percent Dos and Don'ts

Previously presented in a Firewire Blog, this short guide was provided by the Supervisory Committee to assist when preparing budgets and submitting expenditures. Remember, if you have a question, contact the One Percent Coordinator or a member of the Supervisory Committee.

The following lists of requests are divided into two categories: generally approved and not allowed. We hope these lists help you and your members make decisions in the best interest of all South Carolina departments.

Requests generally approved:

- Dues and subscriptions that benefit the entire membership
- Most supplemental insurance programs
- Retirement programs that meet the IRS code 457 and SC code of law 23-9-460
- Training that is not a requirement of your department and that is available to all members
- Some fire prevention supplies that supplement the department's efforts
- Drill night suppers, \$15.00 per member
- Family/Holiday/Retirement dinners, \$40.00 per/attendee (applies to member + one guest)
- Awards, plaques, etc.
- Incentive programs that are approved by the Association
- Most furniture requests
- Health and fitness equipment
- Kitchen/coffee and condiment items (not food for meals)
- Flower fund (not in lieu of requests)
- Gym memberships
- Cable, satellite TV subscriptions, etc.
- Internet service
- Game stations
- Class A uniforms
- Tee shirts, jackets and hats with FD Logo
- Some signage for recruitment and fire prevention
- Bunk Room Furniture (for volunteers only)

Requests not approved:

- Gifts, gift cards, cash disbursements
- Alcohol
- Guns or ammunition
- Hunt club memberships
- Charitable donations
- Station renovations (rarely approved)

Equipment that enhances ISO requirements (radios, bunker gear, etc.)

Cell phones

Required safety equipment (responsibility of the dept.)

Entertainment trips or events

Security systems

Tablets (ex. iPad) for all members (only 2-3 for training purposes)