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)