

NEBRASKA SOCIETY OF FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

Section I The name of this organization shall be the Nebraska Society of Fire Service Instructors, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

Section I The objectives of this Society shall be:

- A. To participate in the development for uniform professional standards for the Emergency Response Instructors.
- B. To assist in the development of Emergency Response of Instructors.
- C. To provide the means for continuous upgrading of Emergency Response Instructors.
- D. To promote the importance of the role of the Emergency Response Instructors in the total emergency response organization.

In furtherance of said business and objectives, the Society shall have the power to acquire, receive and accept, by way of gifts, purchase, lease or otherwise, money and property of every kind, nature and description without limitations as to amount of value; to see or dispose of such property; to use any of its property for the above mentioned business or object, without limitation, except such limitations as are imposed by this constitution or the By-Laws of the Society or any laws applicable thereto; and to make, enter into, perform or carry out contracts of every kind and description with any person, firm, association or corporation, to establish and maintain committees, to urge and use the voluntary services of other individuals and organizations, and to do any and all other things necessary or proper in connection with or incidental to such objects or purposes within such limitations as are prescribed by law.

The Society shall not operate for pecuniary profit. No part of the money or other property of the Society shall inure to the benefit of any member of the Society or private individual or be used or distributed otherwise than for the business or objects as hereinabove provided. Should there be any moneys not expended for the business objects above described when the business activities have ceased, such moneys shall be given to a recognized charity selected by the Society's Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III **MEMBERSHIP**

Section I Members of the Society may be enrolled when meeting requirements of membership and being recommended in writing by a member in good standing of the Society and payment of dues.

- A. Active Member shall be any person who is actively involved in the education or training of emergency response personnel and subscribes to and practices the code of ethics of the Nebraska Society of Fire Service Instructors.

- B. Honorary Members shall be any person of outstanding prominence who has made significant contributions to the field of emergency response training. Honorary members shall also include the spouse of a deceased active member for a period of two (2) years after the death of said member.

- C. Sustaining Member shall be any person, firm, or corporation wishing to assist in attaining the objectives of the Society.

Only active members shall have the right to vote and hold office in the Society. Any member may voluntarily withdraw from the Society and terminate his membership at any time. In order to be in good standing, members shall not be delinquent more than 60 days in their dues after January 1 of each year.

ARTICLE IV **OFFICERS**

Section I The officers of the Society shall be President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer/Publications Coordinator.

Section II The Society shall have three (3) Directors.

Section III The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer/Publications Coordinator, and three Directors shall constitute the Board of Directors hereinafter referred to as "The Board."

Section IV Election shall be held at the annual meeting of the Society. The active members shall elect the officers for a two-year term. The President and Vice President shall be elected in odd-numbered years and the Secretary shall be elected in even numbered years. Directors shall be elected for three-year terms, with the terms staggered to provide continuity.

Section V In the event of a vacancy occurring among the office of President, Vice President, Secretary or any other position on the Board, the entire Board of Directors of the Society, with the approval of the majority of the Board, shall appoint an active member to fill that vacancy until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE V **MEETINGS**

Section I The annual meeting of the Society shall be held for the election of officers and the transaction of other business relating to the affairs of the Society. Only active members may vote.

A. The annual meeting shall be called by the President at the Nebraska Society of Fire Service Instructors - Les Lukert Conference.

Section II The President may, with the approval of the majority of the Board, call a special meeting. The majority of the Board may also call a special meeting under the same conditions as above.

Section III A quorum shall be defined in the By-Laws, for the conduct of business of the Society.

Section IV There shall be no voting by proxy. Balloting by mail will only be permitted as specifically provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws

ARTICLE VI **MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNMENT**

Section I The By-Laws shall provide for the management and government of the Society in all its activities, except as provided in this Constitution

ARTICLE VII **AMENDMENTS**

Section I The Constitution of the Society may be amended, repealed or added to only in the following manner:

A. Proposals for the amendment or repeal of any existing provision or the addition of any new provision to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be made in writing addressed to the President by any ten active members or by any three members of the Board of Directors.

B. When any proposal for the repeal of any existing provision or the addition of any existing provision or change to the Constitution and By-Laws, or addition to the By-Laws shall be mailed to the members thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting to be acted on at the annual meeting.