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CHVFC BYLAW ARTICLE VI, Section 8

SUMMARY OF CHANGE: This change deletes the wording in the Bylaws of the pledge to be taken by an applicant accepted for Full Membership but requires that the President of the Company must have a pledge.

REASON FOR CHANGE: At the 13 February 2025 membership meeting, a Bylaw change was presented that changed the wording of the current pledge in the Bylaw to make it more politically correct. The Membership present at the meeting directed that the change be tabled and that a new Bylaw change be developed to require a pledge, but to remove the wording of the pledge from the Bylaws.

CURRENT BYLAW: BOLD is deleted

Section 8 - Each applicant accepted as a Full Member shall take the following pledge in front of at least one (1) Member of the Company Executive Officers and one (1) or more Full Members to affirm a clear understanding and acceptance of the responsibilities of Membership within the Company and Department.

"I solemnly swear and or affirm to do my duty as a Firefighter, EMT or Fire Police Officer, to answer all emergencies, day or night, to which my Department shall respond whenever it is in my power to do so; to respect and honor the Company Bylaws and Operating Guidelines of the Department; to obey the orders of my superior Officers, and to always conduct myself in a manor to bring credit to myself and the Department, so help me God."

PROPOSED CHANGE: BOLD is new

Section 8 - Each applicant accepted as a Full Member shall take a pledge in front of at least one (1) Member of the Company Executive Officers and one (1) or more Full Members to affirm a clear understanding and acceptance of the responsibilities of Membership within the Company and Department. The President of the Company is responsible for providing the pledge. Any change to the pledge must be approved by majority vote by ballot of Members present and voting at any Regular or Special meeting of the Membership.

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