

## **ROGUE VALLEY FIRE PREVENTION COOPERATIVE**

### **CONSTITUTION**

#### **ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE**

##### **SECTION I:**

Be it known the name of this body shall be the Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative.

##### **SECTION II:**

The Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative was developed to support the fire chiefs and local fire and public/safety departments with the delivery of the best possible fire prevention and public education programs.

##### **SECTION III:**

The vision and purpose of the cooperative shall be:

- a) To unite those agencies engaged in fire prevention and public safety education.
- b) To promote an interagency exchange of ideas, programs, and resources in the areas of fire prevention and public safety education.
- c) To promote, coordinate, and actively support interagency participation in fire prevention activities.
- d) To act as a central agency for the exchange of professional information among its members.
- e) To obtain a reduction in the number of preventable fires within the jurisdiction of the cooperative.

##### **SECTION IV:**

The Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative receives guidance from the Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association and acts under the direction of the fire chiefs.

#### **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**

##### **SECTION I: (Adopting Members)**

Any individual or organization with a valid interest in the Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative can, by a majority vote of the executive board, become a member of the cooperative.

##### **SECTION II: (Ex-Officio Membership)**

Any individual or organization with valid interest in fire prevention/life safety, with a potential ethical conflict of interest, shall be considered for ex-officio membership. The individual or agency being considered for membership shall make an official request in writing at any regular meeting. Ex-officio members are non-voting members and will not hold positions on the Executive Board.

**SECTION III: (Membership Certification)**

The treasurer shall certify all members of the Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative. All organizations paying dues shall have one vote. This certification shall entitle a member to attend all meetings, vote on all association business, and to receive the published proceedings of all meetings of the association.

**SECTION IV: (Length of Membership)**

Membership in the Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative will run from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**ARTICLE III  
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**SECTION I: (Executive Membership)**

The Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative shall have an executive board as its governing body. The executive board shall consist of five (5) members: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and member at-large. Each officer serves a one-year term.

**SECTION II: (Elections)**

The Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative shall hold its annual election of the executive board each year in the month of December. The new officers shall enter office in the month of January.

**ARTICLE IV  
REGULAR MEETINGS**

**SECTION I:**

The Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative shall conduct a monthly business meeting.

**ARTICLE V  
AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

**SECTION I: (Amendments)**

The articles of the Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the voting membership present at any regular meeting.

**SECTION II: (Procedures)**

All amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be submitted in writing prior to the next regular meeting. The proposed amendments shall then be read at the next regular meeting and voted on at the following month's meeting.