

## **Rollin Fire Motorcycle Club “Mission Statement”**

We are a Fire Dept. motorcycle club; we support our families, our community and our country.

Our club is comprised of men and women and their families, who have dedicated their lives to the fire and EMS services, love to ride and have a great time as well as providing support and assistance to our members, the fire service, our military men and women, our community and country.

A member can be an active or retired firefighter, fire marshal or EMS, who worked in direct support of the F.D.N.Y.

Members of our club not only share a passion for protecting the lives and property of the people of this great city, but also for 2 wheel life on the open road.

Our goal is to always promote a positive image of all members of the fire service, render support and service to our members and members of the fire department, our military and community, as best we can... and enjoy fellowship of brother and sisterhood through our common bond.

### **Rolling Fire Motorcycle Club / RFMC By Laws**

**NAME:** this organization shall be known as Rollin Fire Motorcycle Club or RFMC

**TERMS:** Rollin Fire MC and RFMC are synonymous of Rollin Fire Motorcycle club.

: The term LE is synonymous of “LAW ENFORCEMENT” as membership is comprised of peace officers and fire marshals ( Police Officers )

**FOUNDING CHAPTER:** Rollin Fire Motorcycle Club was founded on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and the term founding chapter in the by laws refers specifically to the Staten Island Chapter.

**PURPOSE:** Rolling Fire Motorcycle club is a fire service support motorcycle club and a non-profit organization.

The purpose of the RFMC is to bring together a group of people who enjoy in common a similar lifestyle and riding style. While promoting a focus on community spirit, helping and supporting our members, the Fire Department, supporting our military and love for our country.

The RFMC will focus on giving to and helping those in need, through charity events, community service activity, while promoting a positive self-image of the fire service as a whole.

The RFMC Does NOT discriminate against any race, religion, color, creed, ethnicity, or gender.

## **GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND COMPOSTION**

### **Constitution and Bylaws:**

The constitution and bylaws are the fundamental rules governing the Rollin Fire Motorcycle Club .

A: Rollin Fire Motorcycle club or RFMC membership is open to any active or retired F.D.N.Y member.

B: The club will be governed by six - (6) officer position. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt. at Arms and Road Captain.

Any member holding an office within the club will wear a patch designating their office.

If an officer does not, or is unable to perform his duties or quits his office it will be the responsibility of the President to appoint a member to that position until scheduled elections.

The 6 Governing Officers will meet once every quarter to discuss club business.

### **ELECTIONS:**

Elections will be held every two (2) years on the first Monday in January for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt. at Arms and Road Captain. Any member wishing to run for an office position will submit their name to the club secretary by the December general meeting, just prior to the election.

The responsibilities of each office are as follows;

### **PRESIDENT:**

+Shall preside over all officers and general membership meetings, he/she will oversee all affairs of the club and may appoint persons or committees as may be required for the club business. If any officer in the club is unable or fails to perform his duties, it is the responsibility of the president to appoint a replacement until the general election,

+To act as the personal representative of the club in the area of public relations, as a liaison between the RFMC and local law enforcement agencies, and as a connecting link between the RFMC and other motorcycle clubs.

+To represent the club in any club business contracts, and to supervise any major economic transactions regarding the RFMC

+To assist the RFMC officers in the interpretation of their club responsibilities, and to promote club life and values among the membership in general.

+To maintain order and require strict compliance with the RFMC constitution and bylaws.

+ To see that all orders and resolutions are carried out and placed in effect

+ To promote interest on the part of each member in the club and its activities

+ To personally hand out colors to new members joining the club.

+ Shall be responsible for keeping an updated record of all members including, Full Patch, Associate, Honorary, former and retired members.

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

- + Shall perform all duties incumbent upon the president during the absence of the president.
- + Shall be reasonable for recruiting of new members.

**SECRETARY:**

- + Shall perform all duties incumbent upon the vice president during the absence of the VICE president
- + Shall keep records of all proceedings and record the minutes at all meetings
- + Within one week of the next meeting he will distribute the minutes from the last meeting to the club members, either in writing, email or mass text message
- + To safeguard the minutes of every meeting
- + To maintain the club constitution, recording any additions, deletions or modifications
- + To handle any and all correspondence and updates to FaceBook and Instagram.
- + To send out notices of regular or special meetings or events

**Treasurer:**

- + Must account for all income and expenditures of the club
- + He/she will maintain an accounting journal (the books) and log ALL transactions by the club
- + He/she will give a financial report at each meeting showing the current financial status of the club
- + He/she must insure that all disbursements of club money are approved
- + He/she will be responsible for collecting any and all dues or fee's required by the club
- + Shall perform all duties of Secretary during the absence of the Secretary.
- + Shall be in charge of ordering and distributing all club related gear and clothing.

**Sgt. at Arms:**

- + Shall preform all duties incumbent upon the treasure during the absents of the Treasure.
- + Shall preform safety though out the club.
- + His/hers duties include maintaining order during all club meetings, events and functions.
- + To protect the right's of the club and its' members.
- + To manage any and all complaints bringing them to the attention of the president.
- + The Sgt. at Arms will also make sure each members motorcycle license, insurance, registration and inspection are all up to date,
- + Shall be responsible for the safety of the club members.
- + Shall keep an up to date club calendar of events, and will keep the club informed about up coming events, VIA E-mail, mass text.
- + Will plan club sponsored rides, events, functions, get a ways, etc.

### **Road Captain:**

- + Shall be responsible for the safety of the membership during the time the club rides as a group.
- + Shall review routes for any safety concerns.
- + Shall assist other riders in practicing safe riding while traveling in formation.
- + Shall be responsible for scheduling (KSU) times and locations for club rides and trips, and to communicate this information via, mass text.
- + Senior road captain shall choose two Road Captains to assist and report to him, in the event he is unable to take part in a club run or event, they will lead the club in his absence and help in the preparation as needed.
- + Shall be responsible for photographing any club events, rides , functions etc. and posting them online, *These site & photos help greatly with recruitment.*

### **Webmaster:**

- + Shall maintain RFMC website with supplied media and notices:  
<http://rollinfiremc.com>, <http://rollinfirefdnyc.com>,  
<http://rollinfirenyc.com>

### **Responsibilities of Full Patch Members:**

- +All full patch members must own a motorcycle
- +A full Patch member must make an effort to attend all meetings, events and functions.
- +All full-patched members should be dedicated to maintaining the “spirit of the club“
- + Shall help out other members in anyway possible, whenever possible.
- + Must show appropriate respect to fellow members and other clubs.
- + Must mentor new members, showing them the ways of the club.
- + Must always remember that wearing the patches of Rollin Fire Motorcycle club, must never act in any way that would bring discredit upon RFMC.
- + Must wear the colors to all club function and events.

### **New Members:**

- + It is the firm belief of RFMC that any prospective member who has taken an oath of service, has completed the academy, supports the fire service, and is willing to lay down their life for their fellow man has prospected enough, and will not be made to do menial tasks or be hazed or humiliated in any way. However, there are protocols that new members must learn.
- +An individual desiring to join the RFMC will need to be sponsored by a member in good standing, preferably who has personal knowledge of the candidate.

+After the sponsor introduces the candidate to the chapter; the members should question the candidate regarding their reasons for wanting to join. Upon a motion by their sponsor and a majority vote by the chapter members in attendance, the candidate is accepted as a member.

1: A prospective member must be 18 years or older.

2: A prospective member shows sincere interest in the club and riding.

3: Someone who knows or can vouch for his or her character should sponsor a prospective member.

4: A prospective/new member must attend as many meetings and club functions as possible.

### **Associate Members:**

+We will make one (1) associate member forever ten (10) F.D.N.Y members.

+ To become an associate member of Rollin Fire M.C. you must ride with the club for a minimum of one (1) year and be approved by the R.F.M.C board for membership.

+ As an associate member you will be held to a higher standard and expected to attend all club meeting and functions.

### **Protocol & Etiquette:**

+ We are a Fire Department Motorcycle Club.

If you do attend any 1% function, you are not to wear any RFMC colors or Merchandise.

+ Any member bringing dishonor or discredit upon RFMC or the fire service as a whole will be subject to having his or hers colors revoked, without refund.

+ We are a neutral club and Do Not support or wear any patches or merchandise of other clubs.

+ Do not volunteer club information- i.e. Number of club members etc.,

+ Absolutely No Talking about club business.

+ Always show respect to fellow members.

+ The man makes the patch-not the other way around.

+ When wearing club colors, Remember who and what you represent,

Conduct yourself accordingly.

+ During Funeral escorts no body will ride with a passenger- Patch Must be seen.

+ Members cannot belong to any other patched motorcycle club.

+ No member will destroy club property purposely.

+ No member will go against anything the club has voted on and passed.

+ The club will always stay together on rides, runs, parties, meeting, etc.

+ Members will not get into physical altercations with one another.

+ Members will help out the club in its activities.

+ Each patch holder or prospective member is required to maintain a valid license or permit, which includes the authorization to operate a motorcycle.

**Respect:**

- + Respect is to be shown to all members, officers, significant others, etc.
- + Respect your colors like you respect your class A's.

**Colors:**

- + The President will present a new member with the club colors when they are voted in.
- + When a member leaves the club, member will turn over colors to the President or any club officer.
- + Nothing will be worn on the back of the vest/jacket except the club colors, company patch, and department patch.
- + If patches are lost or stolen; patch holder must report it immediately to the President.
- + Colors must be worn at all times when riding with club members at club functions, events, or trips.
- + A member may retire and keep his colors after riding with the club for many years if the member, moves to a new state and can no longer attend meetings, has medical issues, age issue, or something unforeseen which the governing office will take on a case-by-case basis. Member will retain their colors and be welcome at any and all RFMC functions.

**Club colors layout:**

- + Front of vest – left side (top to bottom)
  - . Firefighter patch at bottom
  - . For EMS, Associate Member or Paramedic will be at the bottom.
  - . Patches will be stacked with no space in between.



**Front of vest:** - Right side (top to bottom)

- ┆ At top –officer patch if any (President, V.P, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt at Arms, Road cpt)
- ┆ Location patch (Staten Island, Brooklyn, etc.
- ┆ Mother chapter – For Staten Island only



**Back of Vest:**

- . The Rollin Fire Motorcycle club colors will be placed reasonably high on the back.
- . Company patch/ Unit patch to the bottom left
- . Department patch to the bottom Right
- . Other patches, pins, decorations, can be placed on the front of the vest / jacket.

