

Board of Fire Commissioners Position

Filling a Vacant Position

The Board of Trustees is accepting letters of interest from Plainfield Fire Protection District residents for the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) position until Friday, May 2, 2025. Statutory qualifications are outlined in 70ILCS705/16.02 and /16.03. The Board will select the appointee at the May 13, 2025, meeting, with the term starting in June 2025.

There are three (3) commissioners appointed by the elected Board of Trustees of the Fire District. Due to a vacancy on the board, this would be a 2-year term to fulfill the end of the original vacant term.

Generally, the BOFC meets quarterly, but that schedule is directly affected during the years that recruitment and/or promotional testing is conducted or during commissioner involvement in disciplinary proceedings. Those testing obligations may substantially increase the number of meetings and *does* require a significant level of commitment to participation.

Additionally, 16 hours of continuing education (CE) are required by September 1 of the following year after appointment to the board. There are numerous opportunities throughout the year to obtain additional training and certification as a commissioner. These opportunities generally occur on evenings and weekends.

This position is voluntary and receives an annual stipend.

The Board of Fire Commissioners' (BOFC) duties include establishing policies and oversight for recruiting, testing, selecting, and promoting all members covered under its authority. The Commission establishes guidelines and procedures for hearings required for discipline and termination of members of the District covered by its authority. They also serve as an appeal or hearing board for District members disciplined or terminated under guidelines established by these rules. The BOFC is guided by and has other powers and duties as provided by Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Address your letter of interest to the Plainfield Fire Protection District Board of Trustees and email it to vbonomo@plainfieldfpd.com or fax 815-436-6420. Feel free to contact us at 815-436-5335 if you have further questions.