

# **CHAPTER 11**

## **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS**

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#### **11.01 PURPOSE**

The Town of Center residents are provided with fire protection by the Town's Fire Department manned by volunteer firefighters and are provided with emergency medical treatment by the Town's First Responders manned by volunteer First Responders so it is proper to provide the volunteers with a lump sum cash distribution upon retirement in recognition of their service to the Town of Center residents.

#### **11.02 LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PLAN**

The Town of Center Volunteer Firefighters and First Responders Length of Service Awards will be determined as set forth in the attached Town of Center Volunteer Firefighters and First Responders Length of Service Award Plan.

#### **11.03 FUNDING**

- (1) The Town Board of the Town of Center has budgeted the sum necessary for the Length of Service Award account since 2000. It is the intent of the present Town Board that future Town Boards continue to fund the Length of Service Award Plan.
- (2) All active members of the Volunteer Firefighters and First Responders in 2019 shall be transferred to a state approved Length of Service Award Plan. The Volunteer Firefighters and First Responders shall each have their own administrative plan.
- (3) The Fire Chief and First Responder Coordinator shall each establish standards to determine service requirements for participants to qualify for annual contributions. The Fire Chief and First Responder Coordinator shall provide a list to the Town Clerk of eligible participants by February 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
- (4) Eligible participants shall receive a sum up to the maximum amount matched by the State of Wisconsin, as designated by the Town Board, from the Town for each year they qualify.
- (5) The Town shall pay the Annual Service and Administration fee to the Plan Administrator.