

2018 Wind & Fire MC Inc. By Laws

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WIND & FIRE MOTORCYCLE CLUB: Wind & Fire MC exists for the purpose of uniting all firefighters that own and ride Harley-Davidson/American Made motorcycles. The club's name originates from the riding phrase "In-the WIND" and the work of fighting "FIRE". Wind & Fire MC membership is open to any and all current firefighters and retired firefighters. Both requirements, firefighter and Harley Davidson / American Made motorcycle ownership, must be met when joining.

WIND & FIRE MOTORCYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM: The "application form and a photograph", supplied by the applicant, which pictures both the individual and his or her Harley Davidson / American Made Motorcycle. No full member or honorary member will be accepted without such a photograph.

WIND & FIRE MOTORCYCLE CLUB DUES: Full and associate members pay a onetime fee of \$25.00 US. Make checks payable to WIND & FIRE MC Inc., PO Box 8633, Bodfish, CA 93205. (Overseas dues: 27.00 Euro ~ **Foreign Bank checks must be payable to a US bank!**)

FULL MEMBER (Lifetime / Revocable): Working Firefighter, paid or volunteer or retired firefighter who owns a Harley-Davidson / American Made motorcycle. A full member may **sponsor only one** associate member. A full member may sponsor a second associate member with written approval of two other full members (via signed "2nd Sponsor Form" provided by the Club President). May nominate individuals for recognition as honorary members. May be a member of the National Board of Directors, may be a Chapter Director / President.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER (Lifetime / Revocable): Only requirement is sponsorship by a Wind & Fire MC full member. Does not require a photograph. Associate membership, designed primarily for the inclusion of family members and significant others, but is open to anyone. Associate members have all the same rights as a full member, with two exceptions; they **cannot** sponsor an associate member and **cannot be on the International Board of Directors.**

REVOCABLE only with approval of the club President and Vice President. Conduct that is unbecoming of a W&FMC member. "Bringing the Club under a bad-light". An associate member can be removed from the Club by the President without cause.

HONORARY MEMBER: "Honorary Wind & Fire MC Membership" commends an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to benefit the Club or the community in general. Individual must own a Harley-Davidson® / American Made Motorcycle and must submit a photo to indicate acceptance of the club's recognition.

CHARTER MEMBERS: Was limited to the first 100 Wind & Fire MC members who have been so designated by participation. In making our club sound.

WIND & FIRE MC CHAPTER: Establishing a Chapter requires the submission of a Chapter Name, the names of the full members (5 minimum) comprising the Chapter, and a designated Chapter Director/President and Chapter email address. The Chapter's members set individual chapter policy-by-laws. A Chapter may adopt local restrictions specific to its members, such as additional officers. After 5/2013 no new chapter shall have more than **50% associate members**. Must use the "New Chapter form" which is forward to the Club President.

WIND & FIRE MOTORCYCLE CLUB LOGO: The Wind & Fire MC small patch, club badge, Maltese patch, rocker, and multicolored logo club T-shirts are to be worn by members only. Every member receives upon joining the club: a club badge, decal, and the small Wind & Fire MC patch.

WIND & FIRE MC NEWSLETTER: A club newsletter is provided quarterly at no additional cost to all members via the Club's webpage. Any member may submit items for inclusion into the newsletter. A quarterly edition of the newsletter is available by subscription and will be mailed to the member for a small fee.

WIND & FIRE MC CHARITY FOCUS: This emphasis is desired of members but is not deemed mandatory. (1) Attend a charity benefit motorcycle event each year. (2) Contribute a total of \$50.00 per year to help some person or group.

PROFIT: Wind & Fire MC Inc. does not operate for profit. No member gets paid from the club. All monies received from members for dues or Wind & Fire MC items go directly towards operating cost. Donations to help with club operating cost will be used by the club as so designated. - ***Any "Charitable Donations" made to the Club will go 100% to charity.***

Wind & Fire MC INTER-NATIONAL RALLY: Held each year in Hill City, South Dakota during The Black Hills Classic "Sturgis Bike Week".

BURN CAMP RUNS: These events are designed to benefit burn-injured children through raising funds and through a one-on-one interaction between the Club members and the campers.

BOARD MEETING: Wind & Fire MC holds an annual Board of Directors Meeting (the site and date will be determined each year) "may be a conference call". The volunteer administration of Wind & Fire MC Inc. includes: President/CEO, Vice President/CFO, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary, Charity Director, Newsletter Editor, Historian, Rallies Coordinator and Board Members (which may include but is not limited to the previous positions).

ROCKERS: The Wind & Fire MC rocker is to be worn **BELOW** the Club Maltese (12.5" x 12.0") colors' patch. **No** "top rockers" will be approved. Under no circumstances is the use of a Wind & Fire MC "three-piece-patch" approved. Wind & Fire MC "Colors" consists of the Maltese patch and one bottom rocker. The Chapter rockers remain under the control of the Chapter. A side rocker may be worn with prior approval of the National.

ROCKER WORDING: All rockers must have approved wording to avoid conflict with other clubs and other Wind & Fire MC chapters. The President and in his absence the Vice President will make such

approvals. Chapters are required to first check for rocker wording conflicts with local area motorcycle clubs in recognition of groups or rockers already in existence prior to submitting their rocker request.

ROCKER REPLACEMENT: Any embroidered rocker approved by Wind & Fire MC Inc. and later is found to have wording in conflict with another club, will have the “rocker” replaced without charge.

PATCHES IN CLUB COLORS: Wind & Fire MC is internationally identified by its Maltese logo and by its three color-patch-scheme consisting of “a light-blue field surrounded by a red and a black border”. All patches with these colors must be obtained from Wind & Fire MC Inc. PO Box 8633, Bodfish, CA 93205. All wording must be done in BLACK LETTERING. Rocker wording must be approved.

MISS-USE OF CLUB COLORS’: The club retains the right to request the return of colors’ that are being miss-used. The value of said colors’ will be returned to the member.

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