

*Town of Secaucus, NJ
Thursday, March 16, 2023*

Chapter 12. Fire Department

§ 12-21. Allowances.

[Added 10-28-97 by Ord. No. 97-26; amended 3-27-01 by Ord. No. 2001-8; 2-8-05 by Ord. No. 2005-1; 11-9-11 by Ord. No. 2011-30; 12-21-16 by Ord. No. 2016-33]

All members of the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department in good standing are entitled to the following allowances for active periods of service in the Department:

A.

- (1) A clothing allowance to be paid on a yearly basis in accordance with the allowance schedule approved by the Mayor and Council and kept on file with the Town Clerk; and
- (2) A monthly allowance for responding to a specified percentage of calls to be paid on a quarterly basis in accordance with the allowance schedule approved by the Mayor and Council and kept on file with the Town Clerk.

Allowance amounts may vary according to firefighter position, rank and/or percentage of fire calls responded to in the specified time period.



Date: July 6, 2022

To: Michael Marra, Town Clerk

cc: *Via e-mail to all*

Mayor Michael J. Gonnelli

Gary M. Jeffas, Esq., *Town Administrator*

Chief J. Schoendorf, *Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department*

Deputy Chief F. Schneider, *Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department*

Battalion Chief L. Marciano, *Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department*

Patrick DeBlasio, *CFO*

Sheetal Nagpal, *Finance Director*

From: Keri Ann Eglentowicz, Esq., Town Attorney

Re: **Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department Allowance Amounts; Effective July 1, 2022**

In accordance with T.O. 12-21, please accept the attached schedules of allowance amounts for the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department effective July 1, 2022. Schedules for the periods of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, and January 1, 2024 forward are also attached for filing. Allowance increases were based upon the review and recommendation of the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department Chiefs and approval by the Mayor and Council pursuant to Resolution 2022-228.

Please update your files as appropriate. Thank you.

2022-228

**TOWN OF SECAUCUS
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS
UPDATING ALLOWANCE AMOUNTS FOR VOLUNTEERS OF THE SECAUCUS
FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO T.O. 12-21**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that the safety of all residents and the protection of buildings and structures is of utmost concern and that the ability to provide emergency services is critical to the protection of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department serves the fire and emergency response needs of the municipality and is governed by T.O. 12-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteers of the Secaucus Fire Department receive a monetary allowance pursuant to T.O. 12-21 for members in good standing that respond to a specified percentage of calls and a clothing allowance for uniforms and necessary articles; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that updates to the allowance amounts are warranted to reflect current demands on our local volunteers and the need for constant response for a growing community with over 900 fire response calls in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the monthly allowance amounts that a "Firefighter," "Company Officer" and "Chief Officer" may be eligible for on the attached documents reflect a \$100 per month increase from July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and a subsequent \$50 per month increase beginning January 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024 as set forth.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the allowance schedules attached for the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department are hereby adopted for the time periods specified, beginning July 1, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the fees specified take precedence over any other fees previously established or adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to T.O. 12-21, a copy of the allowance schedules attached shall be maintained on file with the Town Clerk.

Motion <i>JG</i>	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Second <i>JL</i>				
Councilman Costantino	✓			
Councilman McKeever	✓			
Councilman Clancy	✓			
Councilman Dehnert	✓			
Councilman Gerbasio	✓			
Councilwoman Tringali	✓			
Mayor Gonnelli				✓

Adopted: June 28, 2022

I, Michael Marra, Town Clerk of the Town of Secaucus,
County of Hudson, do hereby certify that the above is a
true copy of the resolution approved by the Mayor and
Council on *6-28-22*
Michael Marra *William Gonnelli*
Town Clerk Mayor



ALLOWANCE AMOUNTS FOR THE SECAUCUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Effective July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Pursuant to §12-21 of the Code of the Town of Secaucus, the following allowances shall be paid to active members of the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department in good standing:

I. Monthly Allowances

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Junior Firefighter** and whom has completed and passed the course of "Firefighter I," the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

% of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company	General members
35% or greater	\$150.00 per month

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Probationary Firefighter**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

% of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company	General members
35% or greater	\$200.00 per month

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Firefighter**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

% of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company	General members	If member is a full time Town of Secaucus employee
At least 35%	\$400.00 per month	No payment
45% or greater	\$600.00 per month	\$400.00 per month
50% or greater	\$600.00 per month	\$600.00 per month

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Company Officer**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

% of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company	General members	If member is a full time Town of Secaucus employee
At least 35%	\$400.00 per month	No payment
45% or greater	\$700.00 per month	\$400.00 per month
50% or greater	\$700.00 per month	\$700.00 per month

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Chief Officer**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided given the routine administrative, operational and other duties handled by Chief Officers and if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

% of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company	All Chief Officers
At least 35%	\$750.00 per month

II. Clothing Allowances

For volunteer members in good standing in the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department, the following clothing allowances are to be paid on a yearly basis:

Member with rank of:	Clothing Allowance Amount
Firefighter or Probationary Firefighter	\$600.00 per year
Chaplain	\$600.00 per year
Lieutenant	\$700.00 per year
Captain	\$750.00 per year
Deputy and Battalion Chief	\$1,100.00 per year
Chief	\$1,600.00 per year



ALLOWANCE AMOUNTS FOR THE SECAUCUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

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% of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company	General members
35% or greater	\$150.00 per month

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Probationary Firefighter**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

% of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company	General members
35% or greater	\$200.00 per month

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Firefighter**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

% of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company	General members	If member is a full time Town of Secaucus employee
At least 35%	\$450.00 per month	No payment
45% or greater	\$650.00 per month	\$450.00 per month
50% or greater	\$650.00 per month	\$650.00 per month

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Company Officer**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

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At least 35%	\$450.00 per month	No payment
45% or greater	\$750.00 per month	\$450.00 per month
50% or greater	\$750.00 per month	\$750.00 per month

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Chief Officer**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided given the routine administrative, operational and other duties handled by Chief Officers and if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

% of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company	All Chief Officers
At least 35%	\$800.00 per month

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Firefighter or Probationary Firefighter	\$600.00 per year
Chaplain	\$600.00 per year
Lieutenant	\$700.00 per year
Captain	\$750.00 per year
Deputy and Battalion Chief	\$1,100.00 per year
Chief	\$1,600.00 per year



ALLOWANCE AMOUNTS FOR THE SECAUCUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Effective January 1, 2024

Pursuant to §12-21 of the Code of the Town of Secaucus, the following allowances shall be paid to active members of the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department in good standing:

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For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Junior Firefighter** and whom has completed and passed the course of "Firefighter I," the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

% of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company	General members
35% or greater	\$150.00 per month

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Probationary Firefighter**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

% of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company	General members
35% or greater	\$200.00 per month

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Firefighter**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

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% of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company	General members	If member is a full time Town of Secaucus employee
At least 35%	\$500.00 per month	No payment
45% or greater	\$800.00 per month	\$500.00 per month
50% or greater	\$800.00 per month	\$800.00 per month

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% of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company	All Chief Officers
At least 35%	\$850.00 per month

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Chaplain	\$600.00 per year
Lieutenant	\$700.00 per year
Captain	\$750.00 per year
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Chief	\$1,600.00 per year

