

EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AWARDS
ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF SALEM

PURPOSE:

As prescribed by Connecticut General Statute Section 12-81w, and all other pertinent statutes, this ordinance authorizes incentives for the recruitment and retention of Volunteer Firefighters, Emergency Medical Services Providers, and Fire Police in the Town of Salem.

PROGRAM YEAR:

The program year as defined in this ordinance will be from January 1st through December 31st of each year.

AWARDS:

The Town shall award up to sixty (60) Emergency Responder Awards to volunteers serving the town as Emergency Services providers. The qualification criteria will determine how many awards are earned and how the number of awards are distributed to the town Emergency Services providers.

Awards shall be initiated in July of the Town fiscal year immediately following each program year. The Board of Selectmen, shall review the Fire Chief/s recommendations. Upon approval, the Board of Selectmen shall direct the Tax Collector to apply the appropriate tax abatements for members who qualified for abatements.

Town residents who are active or retired members of the Fire Department are eligible for up to one hundred percent (100%) of the maximum property tax abatement each year as set forth in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-81w, and all other pertinent statutes, as amended from time to time (the "Maximum Abatement").

In the event the awarded abatement exceeds the property tax owed, the award will apply to the property taxes owed only. Any additional abatement award amount over and above the tax owed will not be paid, credited or owed in any way, to the awardee.

Limitations: This Ordinance shall only be applicable to residential and personally owned property.

In no instance can any portion of the abatement be used for prior or future years.

Town Policy 01-2025, which provides Qualification Guidelines and Approval for this ordinance shall not be changed without mutual agreement between the Board of Selectman and Fire Chief/s.

Adopted at a Special Town Meeting: January 19, 2011.
Town of Salem, Records and Minutes Book 6, Page 433.

Adopted at a Special Town Meeting: July 19, 2017.
Town of Salem, Records and Minutes Book 7, Page 190.

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Town of Salem, Records and Minutes Book 8, Page 27.