
Sec. 2-4. Expense reimbursement for certain emergency services volunteers.

(a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to provide a method of compensating emergency services volunteers for out of pocket expenses and wear and tear on their personal property which is affected by a volunteer's service to the town.

(b) *Definitions.*

Active shall mean those individuals certified by the Chief of Southbury Volunteer Firemen's Association or the ~~Southbury Training School ("STS") Fire Chief,~~ or the President of the Southbury Ambulance Association ~~or the President of the Heritage Village Ambulance Association~~ as a qualified eligible volunteer and member in good standing of their respective organization on or before the certification date as being eligible for reimbursement under this section.

Certification date shall mean March 15 of each year.

Eligible volunteer shall mean an emergency services volunteer member of the Town of Southbury who volunteers his or her services and is certified as a member of one (1) or more of the above noted associations:

- (1) As an active member of the Southbury Volunteer Firemen's Association;
- (2) As an active member of the Southbury Ambulance Association;
- (3) ~~As an active member of the Heritage Village Ambulance Association;~~
- (4) ~~As an active member of the "STS" Fire Department~~

Benefit shall mean the reimbursement of not-allocated expenses recognized as generally and incurred by the eligible volunteer without need to produce documentary proof, such as gas expenses, wear on a personal vehicle, wear on personal clothing etc.

(c) *Benefit.* Each eligible volunteer shall receive a payment to reimburse out-of-pocket expenses up to, but not exceeding, ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ **two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)** during each fiscal year next following the certification date.

The Board of Selectmen by resolution may amend or modify the reimbursement benefit limit, limitations and eligibility in accordance with this section and applicable state statutes.

(d) *Mechanism.* The Chief of Southbury Firemen's Association ~~the Chief of the Southbury Training School Fire Department~~ and the President of the Southbury Ambulance Association ~~and the Heritage Village Ambulance Association~~ shall, on or before the certification date, submit their original certifications and criteria currently in effect to the Town of Southbury Finance Office for review and approval. Each certification shall be made only for a currently serving "eligible volunteer" and based upon that individual's activity in the previous calendar year.

(e) *Eligibility.* The Southbury Volunteer Firemen's Association, ~~the Southbury Training School Fire Department,~~ and the Southbury Ambulance Association shall recommend criteria and standards for certification of eligibility for their respective members for approval by the Board of Selectmen. Any recommended changes to the criteria and standards shall be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for consideration, approval or disapproval and to the Board of Finance not later than three (3) months before the certification date.

(f) *Payment.* Each such "Eligible Volunteer" shall be entitled to a lump sum payment financed by the Town of Southbury as soon after July 1 as is practical of each year following that year's certification date. Said expense reimbursement shall be paid to the eligible volunteer's organization in trust for payment to said eligible volunteer.

(Ord. of 8-21-03(1); Ord. of 9-15-05, §§ 1-6)