

General Municipal Law Article 11-A Section 217.**General Requirements of a Service Awards Program**

Brief summary:

SAMPLE NEW YORK POINT SYSTEM

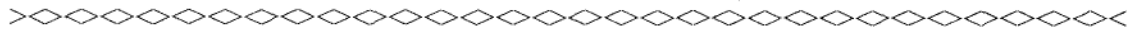
Under a service awards program, a year of active service will be credited each year after the implementation of the program in which an active member accumulates at least 50 points. Points will be given according to a system adopted by the program sponsor. Below find an example of how points can be awarded for each year of service:

<u>ACTIVITY/SERVICE</u>	<u>POINTS AWARDED</u>
1. Training Courses	25 points maximum
2. Courses under 20 hours duration	1 point per hour, maximum 5 points
3. Courses 20 to 45 hours duration	1 point for each hour over initial 20 hours maximum 10 points
4. Courses over 45 hours duration	15 points per course
5. Drills	20 points maximum (1 point per drill, minimum 2 hour drill)
6. Sleep-In or Stand-By	20 points maximum
7. Sleep-In	1 point each full night
8. Stand-By*	1 point each
9. Elected or Appointed Position*	25 points maximum
10. Attendance at meetings	20 points maximum
11. Miscellaneous activities*	15 point maximum

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12. Participation in department responses 25 points for responding on the minimum # of call, outlined below

Total # of calls Volunteer Fire Co. responds to annually other than emergency rescue & first aid squad calls (Ambulance only)	0 to 500	500 to 1,000	1,000 to 1,500	1,500 and Up
Minimum # of calls Volunteer Firefighter must run annually in order to receive 25 points.	10%	7.5%	5%	2.5%



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DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

**Stand-By – A Stand-By is defined as a line of duty activity of the volunteer fire company lasting for four (4) hours and not falling under one of the other categories.*

**Miscellaneous Activities – Maximum of 15 points
Participation in inspections and other activities covered by the Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law and not otherwise listed...one (1) point per activity.*

**Elected or Appointed Position – Elected or appointed position means line officers, department or company officers and president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary of a fire company or department.
-Completion of one (1) year term in an elected or appointed position.
-An active volunteer firefighter elected to serve as a delegate to a firefighter' convention will also be eligible to receive one (1) point per meeting.*