

City of Marion Policy for Overnight Stay at Fire Department

Only active members of the Marion Fire Department are eligible to stay overnight at the fire station. In no case shall family members, friends or anyone who is not an active member of the Marion Fire Department be allowed to stay overnight at the Fire Station.

Except as noted below, overnight stays will be for training purposes only. Volunteer firefighters wishing to stay overnight at the Fire Station must first obtain authorization prior to the stay from the duty firefighter scheduled to work that shift and the Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief. The authorization must be recorded in writing on a form provided by the Fire Department. The form shall state the date of the stay, the name of the person staying, the signature of the duty firefighter scheduled to work that shift and the signature of the Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief authorizing the stay. The City will not pay volunteer firefighters for such overnight stays.

This policy shall not apply to volunteer firefighters who work relief shifts. Such relief shifts will continue to be approved by the Fire Chief as necessary.

This policy can be suspended by the Fire Chief or, in the absence of the Fire Chief, the Assistant Fire Chief, when, in the opinion of the Fire Chief or the Assistant Fire Chief acting on the Fire Chief's behalf, the safety of the public and/or the protection of property is better served by having the station manned during times of emergency and/or natural disaster.

It is further acknowledged that visitors, including family and friends, are welcome at the Fire Department at any reasonable hour. However, such visitations shall not interfere with department operations, be excessive in nature or create a hazard for the firefighters on duty, the visitors, the City or the public. The firefighter on duty and/or the Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief is fully authorized to limit such visitations at any time the visitations interfere with department operations, are excessive in nature or create a hazard for the firefighters on duty, the visitors, the City or the public.