

**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Department of Resource Management – Volunteer Resources Section**

**VOLUNTEER POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
WAIVER – APPLICATION**

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email Address _____

Male/Female _____ Last Tetanus Inoculation _____

Person to Contact in an Emergency _____ Phone _____

I have agreed to volunteer my service to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. In consideration of the District accepting me as a volunteer and in acknowledgment of the educational and other benefits received by me as a volunteer, I represent and agree to the following:

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. I will attend any required orientation meeting(s) and will complete any required training program(s) for my Volunteer position.
2. I am not an employee of the District and I will not receive compensation for my services.
3. I am not authorized to operate a District vehicle. Only after successfully completing the District's training and receiving written confirmation of such successful completion, am I authorized to operate chainsaws or brush cutters. I am not authorized to operate any other type of power equipment.
4. I must operate within the scope of duties for my Volunteer position, shall abide by all the rules and regulations of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and shall abide by all directions and instructions given by its personnel.
5. I am a representative of the District and must do my best to present a positive image of the District to those who visit the Forest Preserve facilities and preserves. This includes being courteous and helpful to visitors.
6. I will review any handbooks or other written materials provided by the District relating to my Volunteer facility and position.
7. I am not authorized to enforce the rules and regulations of the District.
8. As to any damage or injury to third parties arising out of my acts or omissions, liability insurance is my responsibility.
9. Transportation to and from any District property, facility or event is my own responsibility. While enroute to or from such property, facility or event I am acting on my own and am not acting on behalf of the District, its officers, Commissioners, employees or agents.

B. LIABILITY WAIVER

The undersigned, for myself and my heirs and executors, successors, and assigns, hereby releases and discharges the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and its Commissioners, officers, employees, agents, and servants of and from any and all claims, demands and causes of action whatsoever nature which I or my heirs and executors, successors, and assigns ever may have against any of them for, on account of, by reason of, or arising in connection with the aforesaid Volunteer Program and my services as a Volunteer therein and hereby waive any and all such claims, demands and causes of action.

Volunteer's Signature

Date