



GENERAL SAFETY

SCOPE

This guideline shall apply to all members of the Stoney Point Fire Department and shall be adhered to by all members.

PURPOSE

To establish procedures for ensuring the general safety of all personnel during normal work conditions.

DEFINITIONS

Guideline - a general rule, principle, outline of a policy

Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health – (IDLH) hostile environment where exposure to airborne contaminants is likely to cause death, immediate or delayed permanent adverse health effects

Material Safety Data Sheet – (MSDS) documents that list information relating to occupational safety and health for the use of various substances and products

Member – any career, volunteer, staff, and auxiliary personnel affiliated with the department

Safety - the condition of being safe from undergoing or causing hurt, injury, or loss

Shall - indicates a mandatory requirement

GUIDELINES

It is imperative for Stoney Point Fire Department to provide a workplace that is safe and free from recognized hazards. The safety of the department's Firefighters, other personnel and visitors is of paramount concern. Therefore Stoney Point Fire Department and its members shall adhere to all local, state, and federal laws, regulations and the guidance of department Officers and Chiefs to ensure the safety of all personnel during routine and emergency operations. These shall include but are not limited to the following:

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- recognize and report unsafe conditions and/or acts to a supervisor for immediate correction when possible, and reporting up the chain of command, as necessary
- post safety rules and guidance throughout both stations identifying hazards and safe practices
- horseplay shall not be tolerated at any time

- provide, correctly utilize, and maintain NFPA and NIOSH approved personal protective equipment for all activities according to manufacturer recommendation
- report defective equipment or apparatus to a supervisor
- ensure that defective equipment or apparatus are repaired or replaced as necessary, as quickly as possible
- conduct detailed annual inspection of all equipment, repair or replace as necessary
- operate all equipment purchased for fire suppression, technical rescue, or hazardous materials operations in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations
- conduct weekly inspections of equipment and document findings
- clean and inspect all equipment utilized in emergency service according to manufacturers' recommendations prior to being returned to service
- tag and remove defective equipment from service immediately (defect, date, and name of the inspector)
- supervisors are responsible for the safety, conduct, training, and performance of their crew
- review safety procedures on a regular basis, encourage and solicit safety recommendations from crews
- fully equipped first aid stations are located at both stations and on each front-line apparatus
- provide a rehabilitation station at all IDLH incidents and incidents where environmental conditions are extreme
- maintain a clean and organized environment at both stations, eliminate the storage of hazardous cleaning supplies
- maintain walkways, hallways, stairs free of obstructions, and trip or slip hazards
- properly mark and store all chemicals with the MSDS at both stations, properly dispose of all chemical containers
- strategically locate portable fire extinguishers near each exit at both stations, and on all vehicles
- properly train, license, and certify vehicle drivers to operate safely

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- inspect and service all portable fire extinguishers annually per NFPA 10
- inspect and service Self Contained Breathing Apparatus annually
- inspect and service vehicles and apparatus annually or as needed
- enforce safe lifting and equipment handling procedures and techniques
- any other local, state, or federal safety law or regulation as appropriate

References

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