St. John's Regional Fire Department
Policy and Operational Guidelines

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Purpose

To outline the duties and responsibilities of the position of Firefighter.

Background

This replaces POG #01-02-14, "Firefighter", dated 2010/10/08.

Procedure

FIREFIGHTER

A Firefighter is responsible for rapidly, efficiently and safely performing various duties under emergency conditions that frequently involve considerable hazard and risk. Personnel in this position operate under the immediate direction and supervision of the ranks of Fire Lieutenant and/or Fire Captain. In addition, the Firefighter will implicitly follow direction of the Department's Senior Officers (i.e., Platoon Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Chief). Firefighters shall carry out all duties and tasks as assigned by the Officer in Charge (OIC) which are consistent with overall Departmental Policy.

While specific orders and directions are received from Officers in the normal course of station activities and firefighting duties, considerable independence of judgement and action is expected in circumstances of extreme urgency where referral or consultation is not possible or prudent.

Roles and Responsibilities of a Firefighter

1. Cooperates with fellow firefighters in programs implemented by Management to meet the needs of an expanding fire service with emphasis on operations and prevention.

2. Carries out all duties and assigned tasks efficiently and promptly.

3. Maintains and cares for all personal protective ensemble assigned.

4. Maintains and cares for all equipment assigned to stations and apparatus.

5. Maintains a good knowledge of the *City of St. John's Act, St. John's Fire Department By-Law (1362)*, Regulations as outlined in *Chapter 35, Policies and Operational Guidelines* of the Department, the current *Collective Agreement*, the *Safe Work Practices Manuals* and any other applicable policies, procedures, or legislation.

6. Possesses a good knowledge of the streets, hydrants and target hazards in their first and second due response areas by individual study and active participation.

7. Maintains a current knowledge of all firefighting skills by individual study and active participation in all drills and assigned training courses.

8. He/she shall be self-motivated to highly educate oneself in an effort to advance in rank and meet high standards demanded of contemporary fire departments.

9. Performs all tasks related to fire suppression and other emergencies, using tools and equipment as directed by the OIC.

10. Thoroughly performs all assigned duties with accuracy under minimal supervision.

Approvals
Fire Chief/Director

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Appendix/Appendices
None