

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>FIRE TRAINING</b>
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<b>Chapter:</b>	<b>Operations</b>
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## 1.0 POLICY

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- 1.1 All members of Thurston County Fire Protection District No.5 & 9 who engage in emergency operations shall be trained commensurate with their duties and responsibilities. Training shall be as frequent as necessary to ensure that members can perform their assigned duties in a safe and competent manner but shall not be less than the frequencies specified in Policy 4601.
- 1.2 Members expected to engage in interior structure fire fighting shall be provided live interior structure fire training.
- 1.3 Prior to being permitted to participate in live structure-fire training evolutions, members shall be trained in safety, protective breathing apparatus, fire hose, nozzles and fire streams, ladders, tactics and rescue as defined by department standards.
- 1.4 Strict safety practices shall be applied to all structures selected for live fire training evolutions and NFPA 1403 Live Fire Training shall be used as a guide.
- 1.5 A net or other secondary means of fall protection and fall arrest, shall be used when members are drilling on high angle on structures which places them ten feet or higher above the ground where life lines and secondary fall restraints would normally be used.
- 1.6 Training for roof ventilation, use of forcible entry tools on roofs may be accomplished using roof ladders as secondary fall protection.
- 1.7 A critique or intensive review following an emergency call may be recorded as a training session. The session must be conducted by a qualified member and recorded as with any training session. See the definition of a post emergency drill.
- 1.8 An individual training record shall be maintained for all members below the rank of Deputy or Assistant Chief.
- 1.9 A minimum number of drills for all members is required.

## 2.0 DEFINITIONS

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- 2.1**     ***Company Drill:*** A planned organized presentation of District-related information or a "hands-on" practice of fire fighting skills. A company drill for the record shall be one in which all available members participate as a team.
- 2.2**     ***Individual Drill:*** Drill credits may be given for individuals/s efforts when reviewing Fire District or related rules, regulations, guidelines, operations, or other job-related publications.
- 2.3**     ***Working Emergency:*** A post-emergency drill that consists of a review of actions taken at an emergency scene that is determined to fulfill the requirement of an individual or company drill.

## 3.0 RESPONSIBILITY

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- 3.1**     The Department Safety Officer shall be responsible for ensuring that the structural integrity of the live fire training building has been assessed.
- 3.2**     The Department Training Officer shall be responsible for all Fire Training activities.
- 3.3**     Company Officers are responsible for ensuring that members of their companies meet the minimum training requirements of this policy.
- 3.4**     An on-scene safety officer shall be appointed for all live fire training evolutions.
- 3.5**     One member shall be designated to control the materials being burned and to ignite the training fire in the presence and under the direction of the safety officer. This member shall not be a student and shall wear full protective clothing, including SCBA.

## 4.0 GUIDELINES

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- 4.1**     In preparation for live training, an inspection of acquired buildings shall be made to determine the floors, walls, stairs and other structure components are capable of withstanding the weight of contents, participants and accumulated water.
- 4.1.1**   Removal or neutralization of all stored hazardous materials and hazardous conditions within the structure shall be accomplished.
- 4.1.1.1**   Closed containers and highly combustible materials shall be removed.
- 4.1.1.2**   Oil tanks and similar closed vessels that cannot easily be removed shall be vented sufficiently to eliminate an

explosion or over-pressure rupture.

**4.1.1.3** Any hazardous or combustible atmosphere within the tank or other vessel shall be rendered inert.

**4.1.1.4** Hazards potentially dangerous to members such as floor openings, missing stair tread and rails, etc shall be repaired or made inaccessible.

**4.2** As applicable, floors, railings and stairs shall be made safe. Special attention shall be given to potential chimney hazards.

**4.2.1** Debris hindering the access or egress of members shall be removed from the fire structure before continuing further operations.

**4.2.2** Buildings that cannot be made safe as required by this section shall not be utilized for interior live fire training.

**4.3** Prior to conducting actual live fire training evolutions, a pre-burn briefing shall be conducted for all participants.

**4.3.1** All evolutions shall be discussed and assignments shall be made for all members and crews participating in the training sessions.

**4.3.2** All participants shall have a knowledge and familiarity with the layout of the building.

**4.4** Unidentified materials such as debris, which may burn in unanticipated ways, react violently, or create environmental hazards, shall not be used in live fire training evolutions.

**4.5** Each participant in a coordinated interior live fire training evolution shall be equipped with full protective clothing and SCBA. All participants shall be inspected by the safety officer to insure all protective clothing and SCBA are being properly worn prior to entry into a live fire training evolution.

**4.6** All instructors shall be deemed qualified to deliver structural fire fighting training by the Fire Chief. The instructor-student ratio shall not be greater than one to five.

**4.7** Supervisors at the training evolution shall maintain an awareness of the condition of members operating within the span of their control. They shall ensure adequate steps are taken to provide for the safety and health of the participants and relief or reassignment of fatigued members.

**4.8** Members shall be trained in the function, donning and doffing, care, use, inspection, maintenance and limitations of the equipment, including turnout clothing, assigned to them or available for their use.

**4.9** Training shall be provided to members in order that they will be knowledgeable in the identification and handling of asbestos containing materials likely to be encountered

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- 4.10** Minimum training requirements are listed in the departments written training program.
- 4.11** Officers and Acting Officers should coordinate the companies and individuals training, in spite of days off, details to the comply with this policy.
- 4.12** Members Training Record:
  - (a) All information shall be typed or neatly printed and filed in paper form.
  - (b) The record shall be maintained, up-to-date, at all times by the Training Officer.
- 4.13** Drill rosters shall be signed by each member participating and additionally signed by the instructor. The roster will be filed by the Training Officer.
  - (a) Members performance shall be logged as satisfactory or unsatisfactory.
  - (b) Notations of unsatisfactory performances shall be reviewed by the Assistant Chief of Operations.

## **5.0 REFERENCES**

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WAC 296-305-05501  
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