

Hauser Lake Fire Protection District

Policy Statement

Administration: Functions and Purposes

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FUNCTIONS AND PURPOSES

General Provisions

The prime functions of the Hauser Lake Fire District are:

- (1) To prevent loss of life or property;
- (2) To prevent fires;
- (3) To prevent injuries and damage to property;
- (4) To render emergency medical care at the highest level possible;
- (5) To plan and prepare for natural and manmade disasters;
- (6) To confine a fire to the place of origin; and
- (7) To extinguish unwanted fires.

SECTION 1. Responsibilities

From the point of view of the Hauser Lake District Commissioners, this involves the service of fire prevention, firefighting, emergency medical care, emergency management, education and mutual aid.

To achieve true success, the Hauser Lake Fire District must win and retain the confidence and respect of the public, which it serves. This can be accomplished only by a constant and earnest endeavor on the part of all volunteer members and employees of the District. They must perform their duties in an efficient, honest, businesslike, and professional manner, by exemplary conduct, and a showing in the public mind that the Hauser Lake Fire District is a most vital requisite to-public well being.

The rules and regulations herein set forth are compiled, adopted, and published by the Hauser Lake Fire Chief for the information, guidance, government, discipline and administration of the Hauser Lake Fire District, and the volunteers/employees of the District as to obligations required of them in the proper performance of their duties. Any violation of these regulations shall be made the subject of disciplinary actions against all persons responsible for such violations, unless otherwise directed by the Hauser Lake District Chief.

These Policies, Standard Operating Guidelines and Directives cannot (nor are they expected to) provide a solution to every question or problem which may arise in an organization designed and established to render emergency service. It is expected, however, that they will be sufficiently comprehensive, and provide the employees of the Hauser Lake Fire District guidance as to their obligations and duties.

They are not designed nor intended to limit any employee in the exercise of his judgment or initiative in taking reasonable action in extraordinary situations.

All members are bound by these Policies, Standard Operating Guidelines and Directives, regardless of the duties, which may be assigned them. It shall be the duty of every volunteer/employee to familiarize themselves with the contents of these rules and regulations, and to conduct themselves in accordance with their precepts.

SECTION 2. Personnel to Know Policies, Standard Operating Guidelines and Directives

Policies and procedures delineated in this Manual of Policies and Suggested Operating Guidelines (SOG) apply to all personnel as designated and are issued for the purpose of effecting standardization.

Officers are charged with the responsibility of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the subject matter contained herein, and with enforcing strict compliance therewith. No set of rules and regulations is workable or effective unless there is complete accord on the part of the supervisory officers in complying with, and enforcing, them. All officers are encouraged to instruct subordinates frequently in the enforcement of the rules and regulations issued therewith.

Ignorance or misunderstanding of any of the provisions of the rules and regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for failure to observe the rules.

The right and power to amend, alter, rescind, or add to these rules and regulations, in whole or in part, is reserved by the Hauser Lake Board of Commissioners along with the Hauser Lake District Chief, as from time to time the good of the service may require. They will be reviewed each year for revisions and /or additions to these guidelines.

Faithful performance of duty and exemplary conduct will be guiding factors in evaluation of the personnel of the Hauser Lake Fire District.

SECTION 4. Attitude Toward Profession

The Hauser Lake Fire District employees shall regard the discharge of their duties as a public trust and recognize their responsibility to public service. By diligent study and sincere attention to self-improvement, they shall strive to make the best possible application of science to the fire service and, strive for effective leadership and public influence in matters affecting public safety. They shall appreciate the importance and responsibility of their position, and hold the fire service to be an honorable profession, rendering valuable service to their community and their country.