

Hauser Lake Fire Protection District

Standard Operating Guideline INCIDENT COMMAND

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INCIDENT COMMAND

All members of the Hauser Lake Fire Protection District shall follow the National Incident Management System and utilize the Incident Command System for all responses.

When responding to a call for service one Officer, Firefighter or EMT shall assume the position of Incident Commander. The role of Incident Commander may be filled by any member and that member shall remain the Incident Commander until a Transfer of Command has been made along with a briefing to the incoming IC as to the complete status of the incident and all resources being utilized or in route along with a complete accounting of all personnel on scene.

When setting objectives the Incident Commander shall act according to the following priorities:

1. Life Safety
2. Incident Stabilization
3. Property Preservation

The Incident Commander should establish his/her command structure appropriate to the incident such that a reasonable span of control is maintained in order to insure the safety of all responders. The command structure may be expanded or reduced as needed by the Incident Commander.

The Incident Commander shall have overall responsibility for all aspects of the incident and may request additional resources or mutual aid as needed consistent with any Memorandums of Understanding or Mutual Aid Agreements in place. If extraordinary resources are required the Incident Commander should seek appropriate advice as to cost vs. benefit and financial considerations while working to achieve established objectives following the above priorities.

as well as , in their opinion, an offense committed by a member under their command is sufficiently serious to warrant immediate action, Officers in charge shall have the power to summarily relieve such member of his duties. An immediate verbal report of such action shall be made to the Chief, or, in his absence, his Deputy followed by a proper and well-written report of the situation to the Chief. The Chief will then schedule an Officers meeting to hear the complaint.

21.05 It shall be their duty to decide promptly any question of doubt on the part of their subordinates relative to the interpretation of any immediate action to be taken.

21.06 They shall be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of all reports with which they are concerned.

21.07 In conduct of the business of the Department, Officers shall, if possible, personally and directly administer the affairs with which they are concerned.

21.08 They shall cause all fires to be extinguished and investigated with the least possible danger to life and prevent unnecessary damage by water or other extinguishing agents. Take proper precautions against rekindle and leave the premises in a reasonable state or normalcy as possible.

21.09 Officers shall take precautionary measures to prevent unnecessary risks to other members of the Department.

21.10 Whenever a member saves a human life at the risk of his own or performs an especially commendable action, the Officer under whom the act was performed shall make a full report in writing of the action to the Chief.

21.11 No Officer shall interfere in the assignment or operations for which another Officer of equal rank is responsible, except when so directed by a Superior Officer.

21.12 In the presence of subordinates or the public, no Officer shall criticize Department Policies or actions of other Officers.

21.13 When at the scene of a fire or other emergency the Officers will keep the Command Center or Incident Commander informed of all movements and status of the situation.

21.14 Officers in charge of an emergency scene will have full powers and authority to direct the operation of extinguishing and investigating the situation. In the course of such operations, they may prohibit approach to any emergency scene by any person, vehicle or vessel. They shall prohibit any interference in the performance of their duties as Officer in Charge.

21.15 Officers, in rotation, will be assigned new members to educate and accelerate them through probation.