

# Hauser Lake Fire Protection District

## Standard Operating Guideline Use of Cellular Telephones

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### **10.01 Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to define the general rules for the use of Fire District cellular telephones (vehicles equipped with cellular telephones).

### **10.02 General Policy:**

The primary purpose of these devices is to enhance the communications capability between units in the field and a base of operations (fire or police stations, Central Dispatch, etc.). These phones shall be used at any time the Officer feels the need to conduct communications on a non-broadcast media and for point-to-point coordination of activities.

Members are authorized by this policy to use cellular telephones to contact their home, place of work, or any other person when they have been diverted from their expected location as a result of responding to a fire or other emergency. Civilians who are encountered during emergency or non-emergency events are also authorized by this policy to use cellular telephones to arrange for assistance or to notify another person of their situation. Members are encouraged to make this service available to civilians.

### **10.03 Command Officers:**

Command Level Officers who are assigned a Fire District vehicle in which they are expected and obligated to respond to an emergency are expected to have a greater use of cellular phones and shall be granted these privileges accordingly. Command Officers shall ensure they are available by cellular phone while in their vehicles.

### **10.04 Approval of Charges:**

The District Fire Chief or his designate shall approve the cellular phone bill each month and shall approve all appropriate charges by his signature.