

Little Creek Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

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In-Service Training Safety Standard Operating Guideline – 02-03

Purpose: This standard is designed to ensure safety of fire company members during company training

Scope: All fire company personnel action during training scenarios

1. All personnel participating in fire company drills/training are to be familiar with safety guidelines with scene operations, handling/using rescue tools and equipment, apparatus and patient care.
2. During any training evolution in which live fire, vehicle extrication, structural collapse or any situation where a person could become trapped, or injured there will be sufficient manpower, fire/rescue equipment on hand should an incident arise.
3. The Fire Chief or line officer shall appoint a *Safety Officer* for the evolution.
 - a. Appoint a member as *Safety Officer*.
 - b. Ensure there is enough manpower and fire/rescue equipment on hand.
 - c. Assign personnel as rescue teams
4. The *Safety Officers* duty will consist off but not limited to:
 - a. Overall safety of members and victims during training evolutions
 - b. Report any safety violations to the Fire Chief immediately
 - d. Stop the evolution immediately if there is any danger to any participants
 - e. Ensure all personnel participating in the evolution have the appropriate gear.
5. If any personnel participating in the evolution observe a safety violation they are to notify the *Safety Officer*, or any line officer, who is to take appropriate action to prevent injury.
6. If the *Safety Officer* observes a participant engaged in an unsafe act, the individual will be advised, corrected, and monitored. The Fire Chief or Officer In Charge (OIC) will be notified.
7. It is up to the Fire Chief/OIC of the evolution to document the incident and take the appropriate action.
8. Live fire/Controlled burns:
 - a. All controlled burns involving structures will be conducted in accordance with State Fire Commission guidelines.
 - b. The Fire Chief or OIC will ensure that all personnel are in proper gear to include SCBA, nomex hoods, and gloves.
 - c. Ensure sufficient water supply, fire/rescue apparatus are on hand
 - d. Assign personnel to emergency rescue duties with the proper extrication/rescue/forcible entry tools
 - e. Assign only enough personnel to handle specific duties (interior suppression, ventilation, search & rescue, roof operations, salvage).
 - f. All personnel not engaged in the evolution will remain well away from the structure being burned unless otherwise directed by the Fire Chief/OIC.

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9. Vehicle rescue training:
 - a. Appoint a *Safety Officer* for the evolution
 - b. The *Safety Officer* will perform duties as prescribed in paragraph 3 and 4.
 - c. The Fire Chief/OIC will ensure that all personnel are in the proper gear.
 - d. Ensure that only the amount of personnel needed are around the vehicle unless there is a specific operation needed to be observed.
 - e. Only fire company member can be used as victims and will be in protective clothing (coveralls, gloves, protective eyewear)
 - f. Ensure only qualified personnel operate rescue tools. Unqualified personnel can operate rescue tools with another qualified member until they are proficient with their use.
 - g. At no time will any member crawl under a vehicle until the vehicle is properly cribbed and checked for stability. Jacks/airbags will be on hand ready to be used in the event of emergency.
 - h. Personnel involved in patient care may remove their helmet but should have it readily available. If the helmet is removed, protective eyewear must be worn.
 - i. Protection for all victims will be afforded and used when breaking glass or using a rescue tool close the victim.