



Training Philosophy

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1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this Standard Operating Guideline is to state the philosophy and outlines the various types of training programs for Taylors Bridge Fire Department personnel.

2.0 Philosophy

- 2.1. The Taylors Bridge Fire Department believes that the training of its members is of paramount importance. The department will strive to provide high quality training to all of its members through a variety of means. Members are expected to give their full attention and energy to learning and improving their capabilities as firefighters, whatever their rank may be.

3.0 Types of Training

3.1. Regular Weekly Training

- 3.1.1. Regular departmental training sessions will be held on at least two Tuesday nights a month from 1900 to 2200 hours. These regular training sessions may cover any topic that is a part of the firefighters knowledge base. These topics may range from firefighting to EMS to hazardous materials to public relations. There will also be an information/business portion held at the start of the regular training sessions. If a holiday falls on a Tuesday, there will be no training on that day. These times and days may be changed at the discretion of the Fire Chief according to the needs and requirements of a particular training session.

3.2. Community College Training

- 3.2.1. Certification classes are the most important part of a firefighters training program. Certification classes will be scheduled throughout the year for the firefighters at the station. These classes cover a wide variety of courses from Firefighter I and II to any specialty class beneficial to the department and community.

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3.3. Special Training

3.3.1. Periodically it may be necessary and desirable to send members to other departments, out of town or facilities for training that they could not otherwise get at the station. Members are encouraged to participate in these opportunities to broaden their experience and education. Certain rules may be applied to these situations as far as personal conduct and expense vouchers. The Fire Chief will be responsible for deciding which members attend these out of town events. See the SOG on Special Training and Travel for more details concerning this topic.

3.4. National Fire Academy

3.4.1. The Taylors Bridge Fire Department encourages all personnel to apply to and attend the National Fire Academy located in Emmittsburg, MD. The specifics of the application/selection process and courses offered may be obtained from the Training Coordinator.

3.5. Training Safety

3.5.1. Safety during training activities shall be paramount. Instructors and trainees shall pay strict attention to, and abide by all safety related rules and regulations. Since you play like you practice, incorporating and reinforcing safe behaviors shall be one of the primary considerations of any training session. During particularly hazardous sessions, such as live fire and high-angle rescue training, a safety officer may be appointed and shall have the final say on whether an evolution will be performed or adjusted to make it less risky. See additional safety related SOG' (s) for specific direction concerning safety.