

Niverville Fire Department

Standard Operating Guidelines

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PREFACE

The intent of this Standard Operating Guideline is to provide an operational framework to better manage firefighting resources. It is designed to create a systematic approach to firefighting, emergency operations, training, and all other activities of the Niverville Fire Department. The objective is to ensure that all personnel are aware of the accepted guidelines established by the Niverville Fire Department to successfully extinguish fire and handle other emergencies that we are called upon to manage. Proper utilization of this guideline will improve firefighting safety by providing a better accountability of personnel, improved resource utilization, and increased tactical effectiveness. Through training and application of this manual the Niverville Fire Department strives to better protect and serve the residents of the Niverville Fire District, and all those entrusted with our care and expertise.

The development and preparation of a standard operating guideline (SOG) is not a one time endeavor. It requires consistent and periodic review for assurance of compliance by the department members, applicability to the apparatus and equipment utilized, insurance against wrongful damage claims, and most importantly, safety of department members and the general public.

Consequently, each member has a duty and obligation to comply with the guidelines as written. The members also have a duty to each other to monitor team compliance for the safety of the crew or operating unit at the incident. Any infraction or inapplicability of the operating guidelines must be reported to the officer in charge.

In order to accomplish the required goals associated with any response activity, the responders must conduct the required tasks in a safe fashion to prevent further damage or harm to himself, his fellow members, or the public. The emergency service provider must also realize that the public served looks upon them as professionals with sincere interest in protecting and preserving other's possessions and family.

Therefore, compliance with these work practices shall be mandatory under all fireground, drill, rescue, or mutual aid activities of this department. Failure to abide will subject the violator to immediate removal from the working scene as well as appropriate discipline action in accordance with department by-laws.

Exceptions to any of these procedures must be approved by the Officer in charge or other high ranking Officer.

Chief

Mission Statement

NIVERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

It is the mission of the Niverville Fire Department to protect the lives and property of the citizens of the Niverville Fire District, and our mutual aid response areas through fire suppression, fire protection, rescue services, emergency management, and other public safety programs against all hazards, be they natural or man made. We shall assist other emergency services agencies in a subordinate role for hazardous materials mitigation, water rescue, search & rescue, emergency evacuations, and Emergency Medical Services assistance.

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