



Rogers Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to review, on a regular basis, line of duty deaths and close calls that occur throughout the fire service. This process will allow personnel to evaluate those unfortunate incidents that have led to a line of duty death. The review process will allow each person to use the lessons learned and recommendations to increase their experience level and evaluate similar situations without experiencing the same results.

POLICY

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program conducts investigations of fire fighter line-of-duty deaths to formulate recommendations for preventing future deaths and injuries. The Training Division will be responsible for reviewing all fire fatality reports published by NIOSH.

If, during a review, the Training Division identifies information that would be useful and applicable to members of the department, it shall ensure a summary is provided during company officer meetings or newsletter publications. It is the responsibility of company officers to review this documentation with their assigned crew members. The focus of these discussions should be to identify similarities between the incident in question and the Rogers Fire Department. This process is meant to be a learning situation to prevent a similar chain of events from occurring.

The Training Division will also utilize the Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention reports during the development of training classes within the Annual Training Plan. This will allow the recommendations cited within the report to be applied within the training program and identify similar areas of deficiencies as noted by NIOSH. In addition, the newsletter will feature a summary of a select report.