

# ROCKY HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

## STANDARD OPERATING POLICY

### CHAIN OF COMMAND

#### **Purpose:**

The objective of this procedure is to provide a standard detail of the chain of command.

#### **Scope:**

The chain of command is an established hierarchy of authority. That hierarchy in RHFD includes all personnel, without exception. Unity of command is the concept that each person within the department reports to one designated person. This protects the membership from conflicting direction, which can directly affect priorities and work environment.

#### **Policy:**

All members shall work within the chain of command in all activities, including the fire ground, drill ground, station activities, and administrative duties.

Personnel are permitted to go outside the chain of command when given permission to do so by his immediate supervisor. An example of such: A member [upon direction of his Captain or Lieutenant] contacts the Assistant Chief in regards to an issue with target safety.

No member shall take operational or administrative business outside of the department.

Any issue needing outside intervention or guidance shall be addressed with the proper entity by the Fire Chief or his designate.

Attached please find a copy of the department's organizational chart.

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Proponent: RHFD Staff

Replaces: New