

<b>Campbell County Fire Department</b> <b>Standard Operating Procedure</b>		
Incident Command	Incident Safety Officer	<i>502.01</i>

**I. PURPOSE:**

To establish a standard system for providing safety guidance at major incidents and training, through the implementation of a Safety Officer.

**II. SCOPE:**

This procedure applies to all CCFD firefighting personnel.

**III. PROCEDURE:**

1. This procedure in no way diminishes the responsibility of each member of the Campbell County Fire Department to work within safe procedures at all times and the responsibility of officers for the safety of their assigned personnel.
2. Response and Assignment :
  - 2.1. Command has the responsibility to recognize the situations requiring the implementation of a Safety Officer. Command may order additional resources to confirm the response of safety personnel when the need is indicated.
  - 2.2. Safety personnel shall be assigned to all incidents that require a significant demand on CCFD resources; (i.e. confirmed structure fires, major rescue or Hazmat operations), and on request to other incidents.
  - 2.3. Upon arrival to a working incident, designated personnel will report to Command and, unless otherwise assigned, will be established as the Safety Officer.
3. Duties and Responsibilities:
  - 3.1. Responsibilities assigned to the Safety Officer include:
    - 3.1.1. Monitor condition of personnel for signs of exhaustion, effects of cold and hot weather and products of combustion or toxic materials.
    - 3.1.2. Observe operations for use of proper safety procedures and precautions by all personnel.
    - 3.1.3. Assure proper use of protective clothing and equipment by all personnel in operating areas.
    - 3.1.4. Observe general fireground for unsafe or hazardous conditions and interact with Command to take adequate precautions.
    - 3.1.5. Provide direction for changes in SOPS or training methods that would eliminate or reduce those unsafe or hazardous conditions noted in 4 above.
    - 3.1.6. Observe structural safety conditions which could present a safety hazard.
    - 3.1.7. Liaison with outside agencies and technical advisors in situations involving unusual hazards.

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3.2. Safety Officer Procedures

- 3.2.1. Personnel assigned as the Safety Officer or as a member of the Safety Group, upon recognizing a safety problem, must take appropriate action to cause its correction.
- 3.2.2. The command structure shall be used to effect appropriate response to a safety problem. Safety Group personnel will communicate with Command and with Division or Group Supervisors to deal with identified safety concerns.
- 3.2.3. When urgency of the situation demands it, Safety Group personnel have full authority to cause immediate action by direct order to any personnel or use of "MAYDAY" or "URGENT" messages over the radio.

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