


EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
POLICIES, PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES

SUBJECT: Safety – Management’s Responsibility

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1.0 REFERENCE

WAC 296-305-01509

2.0 POLICY

2.1 East County Fire and Rescue (ECFR) shall establish, supervise, maintain, and enforce:

2.1.1 A safe and healthful working environment, as it applies to both non-emergency and emergency conditions.

2.2 ECFR shall establish an Accident Prevention Program which will include, but is not limited to:

- (a) Programs for training employees in the fundamentals of accident prevention.
- (b) Procedures to be used by the District Health and Safety Officer and Incident Commander to ensure that emergency medical care is provided for members on duty.
- (c) Instructions covering when personnel should commit to work activities within a hot zone. (See policy 30.1.2)
- (d) A policy that describes the right of every employee/member to notify Command of potential life-threatening situations during emergency operations and describe how this notification should occur. (See Policy 30.1.2 and SOG 314)

2.3 ECFR shall establish an accident investigation program (see policy _____)

2.4 Members/employees who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall not participate in any Fire District operations or other functions. This rule does not apply to persons taking prescription drugs as directed by a physician or dentist, providing such use does not endanger the employee/member or others.

- 2.5 A bulletin board or posting area exclusively for Health and Safety information and posters shall be provided in each station and include WISHA form F416-081-000.
- 2.6 ECFR shall maintain a Hazard Communication Program which will provide information to all members and employees relative to hazardous chemicals or substances to which they are exposed, or may routinely be exposed to, in the course of their employment at our facilities
- 2.7 ECFR shall establish and enforce a policy as to the roles and responsibilities of the District's Health and Safety Officer on emergency incident sites.

3.0 **RESPONSIBILITY**

- 3.1 The District shall be responsible for providing suitable expertise to comply with all testing requirements in WAC 296-305.
- 3.2 The Health and Safety Officer will be responsible for the Hazard Communication Program