



## GENERAL SAFETY SOG

### SCOPE

This guideline shall apply to all members of the Stoney Point Fire Department (SPFD) and shall be adhered to by all members.

### PURPOSE

The safety mission of the Stoney Point Fire Department is to provide a workplace free from recognized hazards to the most reasonable degree possible. National, State, and local regulations, and judgment decisions of SPFD officers will be followed to provide for the safety of all personnel during routine and emergency operations.

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### DEFINITIONS

**SHALL** - Indicates a mandatory requirement.

**STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES (SOG)** - Documents that help establish how an organization will operate and how its members are expected to carry out specific duties outlined in general terms.

### GUIDELINE

- All personnel are encouraged to recognize and report unsafe conditions and/or acts to their supervisor for immediate correction when possible and reporting up the chain of command as necessary.



- Safety rules are written throughout the Standard Operating Guidelines, and it is not practical to list all safety rules in one SOG. Briefly, the Board of Directors, through the Fire Chief, is responsible for providing a workplace free from recognized hazards. Firefighters (employees) are required to follow all written and verbal safety instructions.
- All firefighters are provided NFPA and NIOSH approved personal protective equipment (PPE) upon employment.
- Firefighters are required to maintain their issued PPE in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations.
- Firefighters shall report defective equipment to their immediate supervisor who shall insure that defective equipment is repaired/replaced as necessary, as quickly as possible.
- All issued PPE shall be inspected annually by the Day Shift Captain or his designee.
- Equipment purchased for the purpose of fire suppression, rescue, or hazardous materials operations shall be operated in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations.
- All equipment shall be inspected weekly and documented as being in proper working condition.
- All equipment used in emergency service shall be cleaned and inspected according to manufacturers' recommendations prior to being returned to service.
- Equipment deemed to be defective shall be tagged as being out of service.
- The tag shall state the specific defect, and the Day Shift Supervisor shall be notified as well as the Maintenance Officer.
- Horseplay that may create a safety hazard will not be tolerated. The Shift Supervisors are responsible for all activities on their shift and are expected to have a zero tolerance for unnecessary unsafe acts.
- Recommendations can also be made to any supervisor, including the Chief. can process safety suggestions.
- First aid supplies and equipment are provided in each station and on each front-line apparatus.
- An EMS unit shall operate as REHAB at all incidents where firefighters are operating in an environment that could be immediately dangerous to life and health.
- Housekeeping in fire stations shall eliminate the storage of unnecessary combustible materials and maintain walkways that are clear of potential tripping and slipping hazards.
- All chemicals shall be stored in properly marked containers and MSDS maintained at each station for any chemical hazard.

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- Empty containers shall be properly disposed of as soon as the container is no longer needed.
- Portable fire extinguishers are strategically located throughout fire stations and on all vehicles.
- Extinguishers shall be inspected monthly and inspected and serviced as required by NFPA 10.

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