

Policy 300: Mission, Purpose and Values

Mission: To protect lives, the environment and property.

Purpose

To prevent fires through:

- Education of the hazards and behaviors that lead to uncontrolled fires.
- Fire protection planning of the community and buildings.
- Development and enforcement of codes and ordinances related to fire safety.

To suppress fires through:

- Rapid response, intervention and mitigation of all uncontrolled fires.
- Providing an adequate number of high caliber personnel with current fire suppression training.
- Use of apparatus and equipment of the appropriate kind and type.

To provide rescue and emergency medical services by:

- Responding with the highest level of service possible.
- Providing high caliber personnel with current EMS training.
- Using apparatus and equipment of the appropriate kind and type.

To provide response to hazardous material releases by:

- Providing high caliber personnel with current hazardous material training.
- Using appropriate apparatus and equipment.

To respond to disasters through:

- Community education related to disaster preparedness.
- Planning for any potential disaster.
- Adequate training for personnel related to disaster planning and operations.

To provide other emergency services to the community as required.

Values

- Maintain a high level of personnel and equipment readiness
- Assure all personnel are adequately trained for their job
- Treat everyone with respect and kindness
- Treat people fairly and reasonably
- Control costs providing the best service possible for each dollar
- Maintain a professional personal appearance
- Maintain facilities to assure functionality and appearance
- Support other agencies' mission(s)
- Develop and maintain a high degree of cooperation with other agencies