



MASON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #4

TITLE: TRAINING PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

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To uphold our Mission Statement it is imperative that all members maintain ongoing and regular continuing education.

All District personnel who engage in operations shall be trained commensurate with their duties and responsibilities prior to assignment as a responder.

Personnel expected to engage in interior structure fire fighting shall be provided live fire training prior to being assigned as a responder to fire suppression incidents. Prior to being permitted to participate in live structure-fire training evolutions, members shall be trained in safety, protective breathing apparatus, fire hose, nozzles and fire streams, ladders, tactics and rescue as defined by District standards.

The District shall assure that training and education is conducted frequently enough to enable that each member is able to perform their assigned duties and functions satisfactorily and in a safe manner so as not to endanger other members. Training frequency shall not be less than the frequencies specified here in.

Members shall attend not less than **4** (four) hours of training per calendar month. (*Support Members see next*)

Support Members are required to attend the quarterly mandated training as their regularly scheduled training.

All members shall attend all training sessions that are scheduled as mandatory training as these subjects are directly related to regulatory fire service competency compliance.

Members who are unable to attend scheduled mandatory training must notify the Training Officer of their inability to attend, prior to the training session.

The District will provide one opportunity to make-up missed mandatory training for an excused absence only.



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The District reserves the right to restrict, disqualify, suspend, or terminate personnel who are unable to, or who choose not to maintain minimum training requirements.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Training Officer shall ensure that training and education is conducted frequently enough to enable each member to meet the minimum requirements established by the District.

Each member must assure that their training and education activities are documented either directly or through a supervisor.

The Training Officer shall keep records on all training for members to ensure compliance with minimum training requirements.

The Training Officer shall be responsible for ensuring that training curriculum is updated to the extent that it remains current with minimum training requirements.

Members are responsible to perform in a manner consistent with the position description for volunteer members.

Drill ground instructors shall maintain an awareness of the condition of members operating within the span of their control. They shall ensure adequate steps are taken to provide for the safety and health of the participants and rehabilitation of fatigued members.

PROCEDURE

Prior to being assigned to Operations, personnel must successfully complete the following training requirements.

Safety Program Orientation - All personnel shall complete an orientation of the District's Accident Prevention Program.

Personal Protective Equipment - All personnel shall be trained in the function, donning, doffing, care, use, inspection, maintenance, and limitations of the personal protective equipment, including turnout clothing, assigned to them or available for their use.

Incident Management System - All response personnel shall receive minimum introductory level training with the Incident Management System prior to assignment as a responder.



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Personnel shall be trained and qualified in the Incident Management System prior to taking a supervisory role at an emergency scene.

First Aid Certification - All personnel, unless designated by the Fire Chief, shall have as a minimum first-aid training as evidence by a current, valid First aid, First Responder, EMT, or Paramedic certification. New members shall have completed such training within 90 days, or enroll for training in the next available class for which they are eligible to attend. First-aid training shall meet or exceed the requirements of chapter 296-62 WAC, Part A-1.

Infectious Disease Control Program - All health care providers shall be trained in the proper use of PPE, exposure protection, post exposure protocols, and disease modes of transmission as it relates to infectious diseases. Personnel shall review annually, the District's Infectious Disease Control Program, updates, protocols, and equipment used in the program.

Respiratory Equipment - All Firefighters shall be trained for each type of respiratory equipment available for their use. All SCBA training and certification shall be in accordance with, and meet minimum the performance criteria established by the District Training Manual. Training shall meet the following minimum requirements of WAC 296-305.

- Firefighters shall train with SCBA at least quarterly.
- All firefighters shall be tested annually on their minimum competency skills associated with SCBA.
- Firefighters shall be thoroughly trained with SCBA emergency procedures.

Confined Space Rescue - All potential first responders to confined space rescue incidents shall receive a minimum level of confined space training as specified in WAC 296-62, Part M.

Hazardous Materials Awareness - All potential first responders to hazardous materials incidents shall be trained to the First Responder Awareness level in accordance with WAC 296-62, Part P.

Firefighter Recruit Training - All firefighters shall satisfactorily complete the minimum training requirements established by the Mason County Recruit Academy, or an approved equivalent.

Asbestos - Training shall be provided to firefighters in order that they will be knowledgeable in the identification and handling of asbestos containing materials likely to be encountered during a fire response.



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Wildland Firefighting - Personnel expected to respond to fires involving natural vegetation shall be trained to the minimum level specified by the Training Division. Personnel assigned to natural vegetation fires categorized, as "Wildland Fires" shall be trained to a National Wildfire Coordinating Group Firefighter Level II, or equivalent. "Wildland Fire" is defined as natural vegetation fires where firefighters must expend more than 1 hour of labor to confine, control, and extinguish.

All suppression personnel expected to respond to fires involving natural vegetation shall annually review the Standard Operating Safety Procedures. See WAC 296-305 Appendix D.

Driver/Operator - All emergency vehicle driver/operators shall satisfactorily complete the minimum training requirements established by the District's Training Division prior to being assigned as a responder.

EVAP Certification - Drivers of emergency vehicles shall obtain and maintain EVAP certification in accordance with Senate Bill 5441 and the District's Driver Training Program.