


<b>ROCHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY</b>		
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<b>SUGGESTED OPERATING GUIDELINE</b>		

These Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's) were developed to guide members of the **RVFC** in the performance of their duties, on and off the incident scene. They are based on the requirements in NFPA 1500, Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program, and on the appropriate federal, state, and local regulations.

The SOG's are not part of the Company By-laws but are referred to in them. This is important in many respects. First, the SOG's remain guidelines rather than rigid policies. However, when the word shall be used in these guidelines it dictates a rigid policy or course of action not to be deviated from without significant justification. Second, it allows the SOG's to be recognized as the basis of general rules of conduct expected from all members. Finally, it makes the SOG's a formal part of the Company's occupational safety and health program.

The "Safety Policy" of the Company is to provide and operate with the highest possible levels of safety and health for all members. The prevention of accidents, injury, exposures, and occupational illnesses are goals of the Company and shall always be the primary consideration. This concern for safety and health applies to all members of the Company, and to any other persons who may be involved in Company functions,

The "Standard Operating Guidelines" shall be recognized as the basis of general rules of conduct expected from all members. These Standard Operating Guidelines are to be used by company members when contemplating a standard type of operation, either emergency or non-emergency in nature.

The Safety Policy and Standard Operating Guidelines comprise the framework for the company's occupational safety and health program. The Safety Policy, Standard Operating Guidelines, and occupational safety and health program shall be reviewed and revised as necessary, and changes announced at the next Company regular monthly meeting.

All company members are required to sign a statement documenting that they have received these SOG's, read them, and understand them. Training is provided on the SOG's, and all training will be based on the content of the SOG's.

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