


ROCHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY		
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SUGGESTED OPERATING GUIDELINE		

**AEMT.** AEMTs shall be trained to the level of AEMT and be currently licensed by the State of Wisconsin and NIMS complaint.

**Apparatus.** A fire or EMS emergency vehicle, such as an ambulance, engine, tanker, rescue, grass truck, or command/equipment truck.

Association (RVFA). Rochester Volunteer Firefighters Association is an

**Bio-hazardous Waste.** Any non-reusable supplies or equipment that may have contacted a patient or a patient's blood or bodily fluid. Includes but not limited to oxygen supplies, gloves, bandages, tape, disposable CIDs, any supplies used to clean inside the ambulance.

**Company.** The Rochester Volunteer Fire Company personal property, and apparatus, which functions to provide fire protection, emergency medical care, and education to be a well-defined area.

**Emergency Medical Providers.** A Probationary or active member who is trained and equipped to respond to emergency medical incidents and participate in emergency operations at one of the following levels: EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, or RN.

**EMR.** EMRTs shall be trained to the level of EMR and be currently licensed by the State of Wisconsin and NIMS complaint.

**EMT.** EMTs shall be trained to the level of EMT-Basic and be currently licensed by the State of Wisconsin and NIMS complaint.


**Executive Board.** President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Explorer.** Youth member of the Explorer Post.

**Firefighter.** A probationary or active member who is trained and equipped to respond to emergency incidents and participate in emergency operations. Firefighters shall be trained to the level of Firefighter 1 or above and be currently certified in CPR and NIMS complaint.

**Green Light Departments.** Rochester, Waterford, and Tichigan Fire Departments.

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**Hazardous Material.** A substance that presents an unusual danger to persons due to properties of toxicity, chemical reactivity or decomposition, corrosive, explosion or detonation, etiological hazards, or similar properties.

**Incident Command System (ICS).** An organized system of roles, responsibilities, and standard operating procedures used to manage emergency operations.

**Incident Commander.** The fire and/or rescue Company member in overall command of an emergency incident.

**Incident Management System (IMS).** See Incident Command System (ICS)

**Incident Scene.** The location including and immediately surrounding any incident at which members of the Company are operating, including fire emergencies, vehicle crashes, emergency medical incidents, rescue, cave in/collapse incidents, hazardous materials emergencies, and other incidents.

**Line Officers.** Chief, Assistant Chief, Fire Captain, Fire Lieutenants, Rescue Captain, and Rescue Lieutenants.

**Medical Director.** An EMS Medical Director is a physician who provides oversight and guidance to emergency medical technicians and paramedics as they deliver prehospital care to patients.


**Member.** Anyone who has joined and is currently accepted by the Company to participate in any company function as outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws.

**Paramedic.** Paramedics shall be trained to the level of Paramedic or higher and be currently licensed by the State of Wisconsin and NIMS compliant.

**RN.** RNs shall be trained to the level of RN and be approved by the Medical Director to practice at their level, as well as currently licensed by the State of Wisconsin and NIMS compliant.

**SCBA.** Self-contained breathing apparatus.

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**Shall.** Indicates mandatory requirement.

**Should.** Indicates a recommendation or that which is advised but not required.

**Staff.** Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Providers.

**Staff Officers.** Safety Officer, Training Officer, Fire Inspector and Engineer.

**Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).** Provides mandatory, detailed instructions for tasks, ensuring consistency and compliance

**Suggested Operating Guideline (SOG).** offers flexible, recommended practices for informed decision-making.

**Unit.** Specific apparatus staffed by personnel responding to an emergency incident.

**Working Incident.** Any fire or non-fire response which requires active interior firefighting, victim rescue, body recovery or significant citizen evacuation, or which results in significant or unusual risk to members.

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