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Waterloo Vol Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines

FIRE POLICE

This section deals with the procedures for Fire Police. It covers issued equipment, training and response. This article applies to all Fire Police and chief officers.

Fire Police will be designated by the fire chief as such. Designated fire police personnel's primary responsibility is to perform such duties. These personnel may also be designated to perform other functions as described article 7.

Duties Shall include, but not limited to, crowd and traffic control at an alarm or fire, drill, parade or any other function that they may be called upon or assigned duties by the Chief, Assistant Chief, Office in Charge or Fire Police Captain.

Fire Police will only respond on calls at which the Waterloo Fire Department is engaged in the prevention or extinguishment of fire, securing a call scene or motor vehicle accident. Fire Police can respond to mutual aid calls to assist other fire departments whose members are engaged on the scene if requested and authorized by a Waterloo Officer.

Fire Police will be issued the following equipment:

Weather resistant reflective coat
Reflective vest
Flashlight

All fire police will complete the NYS Fire Police course within one (1) year of being designated. Upon completion of the course, the Village clerk will swear in each member as a peace officer.

At NO TIME is a member of the fire police authorized to carry a firearm while on official duties.

For responses in our district, fire police will respond directly to the scene. Insure that you park in a location that is safe, yet adequate for traffic control.

If the dispatch is for fire police only, 1642 will respond as well. In addition, the officer in charge may request additional apparatus to respond.

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Response priority will be as follows:

Insure emergency vehicle access to the scene

Traffic control with special emphasis on protecting the responders and apparatus

Scene security

Crowd control

Other duties as directed by a chief

As a minimum, fire police will wear their reflective vest or coat and use their flashlights. Weather will dictate if additional clothing is required.

Once on scene, the fire police officer or senior member will contact command for instructions. All radio traffic will be conducted on the fire police frequency.

When working on scene, keep your blue light activated. Headlights should be shut off. When safe to do so, flares should also be set up for traffic control.

If a scene needs to be secured, barrier tape will be used. This is located in 1641. Fire Police will be used to secure a scene until other agencies can be contacted to provide extended security.

A line officer will release fire police units. If you must leave before the department, advise the officer or senior member before leaving.