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# Waterloo Vol Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT**

The Waterloo Vol. Fire Department, its officers and members hereby enact a safety and health program which will be dedicated to the reduction of injury to the members and damage to the equipment and facilities. The long range goal of this continuing program is to maximize the service to our community through professional administration methods as well as by reducing unnecessary expenditures due to injuries and property damage losses.

To advance the goals of this program, the Waterloo Vol. Fire Department hereby commits itself to providing the leadership and support required to develop, implement, monitor and upgrade as necessary, its loss control program in an effort to meet the following objectives:

- Obtain compliance with applicable safety and health laws, as well as regulations governing the Waterloo Vol. Fire Department.
- Establish and maintain a safe and healthy environment towards the greatest benefit to all members.
- Minimize the risk of human and economic losses resulting from unnecessary personnel injury and property damage
- Assure the security, protection and well being of the Waterloo Vol. Fire Department personnel, property and vehicles.
- Reduce the threat of injury, damage, and liability and maintain a state of the art training program and standard operating procedures.
- Maximize the Waterloo Vol. Fire Department services provided by the Waterloo Vol. Fire Department by actively pre-planning high life and high risk hazard areas.
- Be prepared for large scale incidents which may threaten the community by being constantly prepared to fully utilize the most current edition of the National Fire Academy Incident Command System and to be certain that all members are properly trained to carry out the plan in a safe and efficient manner at any time.