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Standard Operating Guidelines

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Purpose: To establish Standard Operating Guidelines for Fire Police that is consistent with and integrates into the King Of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company Standard Operating Guidelines.

Definition: Special Fire Police members shall be included and considered as Active Firefighter class members, except as otherwise noted in the by-laws and other standard operating guidelines.

Rank/Positions:

The Special Fire Police Officers shall consist of Fire Police Captain, Fire Police Lieutenant, and any such Officers as determined by the Fire Police Captain and the Fire Chief.

Fire Police Captain:

1. Shall meet the training and experience requirement of the Upper Merion Township Fire Officer Training Policy and the King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company SOG KP-1-0007.
2. Shall be sworn in as a Special Fire Police Officer by the Upper Merion Township Officials.
3. Shall be subject to and under the direction of the Fire Chief.

4. When on duty, shall display a badge of authority and shall be under the authority of the Chief of Police of the municipality being served, the Pennsylvania State Police, or the delegated Authority.
5. Shall have authority over all fire police personnel, activities, and equipment of the King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company.
6. Shall regulate traffic and keep crowds under control at or near any fire or event, which the company attends and exercise such other powers of police as are necessary in order to facilitate and prevent interference with the work of firefighters.
7. Shall have all police powers necessary to perform his/her duties when functioning as Special Fire Police at fires, rescues, accidents, floods, evacuations, searches, parades, or other emergencies, or at any public function conducted by or under the auspices of any volunteer fire company at the request of the governing body of any such municipality and when so functioning as Special Fire Police.
8. Shall work with officers and members in such a way that the best possible Fire Police service is given to the company, the township and the public.
9. Shall have the authority to call in other fire police units and personnel when necessary in coordination with the Incident Commander.
10. Shall be responsible for the maintenance and ample inventory of Fire Police equipment and supplies.
11. Shall advise the Chief of equipment found defective and of equipment and supplies to be replaced, repaired, or purchased.
12. Shall be authorized to appoint assistants and committees as necessary (e.g. second lieutenant, sergeant, equipment committee).
13. Shall ensure that all Fire Police have the supplies, equipment, and training required to perform their assigned duties.
14. Shall have the authority to suspend any Fire Police Officer under his/her command. Suspension is then subject to the rules of the King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company. Standard Operating Guidelines.
15. Shall utilize available active firefighters, with the agreement of the Fire Officer in Charge, to assist in the performance of Fire Police duties.

Fire Police Lieutenant

1. Shall meet the training and experience requirement of the Upper Merion Township Fire Officer Training Policy and the King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company SOG KP-1-0007.
2. Shall be sworn in as a Special Fire Police Officer by the Upper Merion Township Officials.
3. Shall be subject to and under the direction of the Fire Police Captain or the Fire Chief.
4. When on duty, shall display a badge of authority and shall be under the authority of the Chief of Police of the municipality being served, the Pennsylvania State Police, or the delegated Authority.
5. Shall have authority over all fire police personnel, activities, and equipment of the King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company.
6. Shall regulate traffic and keep crowds under control at or near any fire or event, which the company attends and exercise such other powers of police as are necessary in order to facilitate and prevent interference with the work of firefighters.
7. Shall have all police powers necessary to perform his/her duties when functioning as Special Fire Police at fires, rescues, accidents, floods, evacuations, searches, parades, or other emergencies, or at any public function conducted by or under the auspices of any volunteer fire company at the request of the governing body of any such municipality and when so functioning as Special Fire Police.
8. Shall work with officers and members in such a way that the best possible Fire Police service is given to the company, the township and the public.
9. Shall have the authority to call in other fire police units and personnel when necessary in coordination with the Incident Commander.
10. Shall assume the responsibility for the Fire Police Captain in his/her absence
11. Shall advise the Chief of equipment found defective and of equipment and supplies to be replaced, repaired, or purchased.
12. Shall ensure that all Fire Police have the supplies, equipment, and training required to perform their assigned duties.
13. Shall have the authority to suspend any Fire Police Officer under his/her command. Suspension is then subject to the rules of the King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company. Standard Operating Guidelines.

14. Shall utilize available active firefighters, with the agreement of the Fire Officer in Charge, to assist in the performance of Fire Police duties.

Fire Police Patrolman

1. Shall meet the training and experience requirement of the Upper Merion Township Fire Officer Training Policy and the King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company SOG KP-1-0007.
2. Shall be sworn in as a Special Fire Police Officer by the Upper Merion Township Officials.
3. Shall be subject to and under the direction of the Fire Police Captain or the Fire Chief.
4. When on duty, shall display a badge of authority and shall be under the authority of the Chief of Police of the municipality being served, the Pennsylvania State Police, or the delegated Authority.
5. Shall regulate traffic and keep crowds under control at or near any fire or event, which the company attends and exercise such other powers of police as are necessary in order to facilitate and prevent interference with the work of firefighters.
6. Shall have all police powers necessary to perform his/her duties when functioning as Special Fire Police at fires, rescues, accidents, floods, evacuations, searches, parades, or other emergencies, or at any public function conducted by or under the auspices of any volunteer fire company at the request of the governing body of any such municipality and when so functioning as Special Fire Police.
7. Shall work with officers and members in such a way that the best possible Fire Police service is given to the company, the township and the public.
8. Shall assume the on-scene duties and responsibilities of the Fire Police Captain and Lieutenant in their absence.
9. Shall advise the Captain of equipment found defective and of equipment and supplies to be replaced, repaired, or purchased.

Active Firefighters Used as Fire Police

1. Available active firefighters, with the agreement of the Officer in Charge, shall assist the fire police with related duties.

2. When on duty performing fire police duties, the firefighter will wear their helmet as a sign of authority and shall be under the authority of the ranking fire police officer.
3. The duties shall relate to regulating traffic and keeping crowds under control at or near any fire or event, which the company attends and exercise such other powers of police as are necessary in order to facilitate and prevent interference with the work of firefighters.

Responding to Calls

1. The primary purpose of the fire police shall be to:
 - facilitate easy movement of fire apparatus through intersections and into the emergency scene area
 - control traffic
 - control the access to the scene
 - perform other duties/tasks as assigned.
2. The Fire Police Captain and Lieutenant are permitted to respond to incidents in privately owned vehicles using red lights/sirens as permitted in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code.
3. With the approval of the Fire Police Captain, Fire Police Patrolmen are permitted to respond in privately owned vehicles as authorized vehicles using blue lights as stated in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code.
4. NO FIRE POLICE SERVICES ARE REQUIRED ON THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE, THUS NO FIRE POLICE SHALL RESPOND UNLESS CALLED SPECIFICALLY BY THE FIRE OFFICER IN CHARGE. FOR TURNPIKE CALLS, FIRE POLICE PERSONNEL ARE TO RESPOND TO STATION A AND AWAIT ORDERS.
5. The King of Prussia Fire Police staff will not respond to routine fire/service calls outside of Upper Merion Township unless specifically requested or directed.
6. When fire police arrive at an intersection or at a scene, if a portable radio is available, they should communicate their location on the Fire Police channel on the assigned County 800 mhz channel.
7. Responding to calls after consumption of more than one serving of alcoholic beverages is NOT permitted given the interaction necessary with the public.

Incident Command System

1. The King of Prussia Fire Police will use the Incident Command System, consistent with the King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company operational policies. For a major call, or when required, the first Fire Police Officer on the scene will establish a Fire Police Sector Command. Use other Upper Merion and Bridgeport Fire Police Officers as needed to set-up or use in the structure.
2. The Fire Police Captain is generally used as the Fire Police Operations Officer.
3. The Fire Police Unit (Traffic 47) should be used as the Fire Police Sector Command Center. The Fire Police Operations Officer should be in the general vicinity of the Fire Incident Command Center for Strategic and communication reasons.