



Standard Operating Guidelines  
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## Training

Training is the single most important element for a safe, professional, and effective fire department. It is imperative that all members are properly trained on all aspects of firefighting to help safeguard his/her life, the lives of other firefighters and the lives of those we serve.

Training:

- A. Prepares a fire fighter to safely perform his or her duties.
- B. Prepares a fire fighter for any change in a procedure or technology or for any new hazard identified in his or her work environment.
- C. Prepares a new fire fighter whose duties include emergency operations to perform emergency operations. The training will include training in the incident command system.
- D. Gives a fire fighter whose duties include structural fire fighting training consistent with established fire ground operating procedures.
- E. Prepares a fire fighter for special hazards to which he or she may be exposed during fires and other emergencies
- F. Includes procedures for firefighters engaged in fire ground operations to make his or her safe exit from a dangerous area if equipment fails or fire conditions change suddenly

Any training of fire fighters which includes live fire fighting exercises will be conducted in compliance with NFPA 1001- Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications and NFPA 1403- Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions.

No fire fighter without the minimum 60 hour entry level firefighter class may be permitted to participate in structural fire fighting activities or trainings which require the individual to enter or be in close proximity to the building, enclosed structure, vehicle or vessel until that individual has completed required training.

To maintain active status as a firefighter with the Evansville Fire District, all members must attend at least 8 training session(s) per year. Failure to do so may result in the member being placed on probation, at which time active status may only be regained after approval of the Chief and the Officers. An active member who is failing to meet training requirements will receive a verbal and written warning from the Chief and Officers. If after 12 months of probationary status a member does not satisfactorily meet training requirements, the member's status with the department could be terminated and is required to be notified in written form.

Exceptions and petitions for minimum training requirements may be made to the Chief. Under special circumstances the Chief may alter department minimum training requirements. Training must meet the minimum requirements set forth by the Wisconsin Fire Department Safety and Health Standards (SPS 330.)