

TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE AND RESCUE

OPERATIONS

SECTION 7

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SECTION 7.1

COMMUNICATIONS

The District is a user agency of Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA). WCCCA provides a communications system to receive calls for assistance and to dispatch appropriate apparatus, equipment, and personnel to emergency incidents in an expeditious and efficient manner.

- A. The Board may approve contractual agreements with other agencies jointly using this service.
- B. The Fire Chief or designee(s) will cause written guidelines and operational procedures to be developed and maintained.

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SECTION 7.2

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS

The District may enter into mutual aid agreements with cooperating agencies. The District may participate in intra-county and inter-county mutual aid agreements as established by the county fire defense boards.

- A. Agreements may be approved by the Board of Directors.
- B. The Fire Chief or designee may periodically review the agreements to determine if procedures used conform to the agreements.
- C. Major changes to mutual aid agreements may be approved by the Board of Directors.

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SECTION 7.3

AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENTS

The District may enter into automatic aid response agreements with cooperating agencies. The District may participate in intra-county and inter-county automatic aid agreements as established by the county fire defense boards.

- A. Agreements shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
- B. The Fire Chief or designee shall periodically review the agreements to determine if procedures used conform to the agreements.
- C. Major changes to automatic aid agreements shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

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The District may enter into contractual agreements with other governmental agencies to provide or receive emergency incident response service.

- A. Contractual agreements with other agencies shall be approved by the Board.
- B. The Fire Chief or designee(s) shall periodically review the contracts to ensure procedures used are in accordance with the contracts.
- C. Amendments to or terminations of emergency incident contracts shall be approved by the Board.

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The District will provide (within budgetary constraints) up-to-date emergency medical services.

- A. The Fire Chief or designee(s) will develop and maintain a manual of medical protocols to meet this objective.
- B. The Fire Chief or designee(s) will periodically review and update the medical protocols to ensure that up-to-date service is maintained.

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SECTION 7.6

STANDARD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

- A. The District shall develop and maintain Standards of Coverage for Emergency Response.
- B. The Standards of Coverage shall be based on a comprehensive risk analysis, and shall clearly outline the following:
 - 1. Performance expectations for emergency response.
 - 2. Minimum needs for a safe and effective response force.
 - 3. The level of response and critical tasks that can be accomplished with the current allocated resources for each type of emergency event.
 - 4. Any perceived performance deficiencies that need to be addressed.
- C. The Board shall review the Standards of Coverage annually and determine whether the stated performance goals and levels of emergency response are achievable with currently allocated resources.
- D. The Fire Chief or designee(s) shall establish guidelines that provide:
 - 1. Basic emergency scene procedures.
 - 2. Integration of District resources to achieve effective rescue, fire control, and property conservation.
 - 3. Emergency scene safety procedures.
 - 4. An established Incident Command structure that:
 - a. Ensures a command structure is established.
 - b. Establishes a framework outlining the authority and responsibility of command.
 - c. Fixes the responsibility for command to a specified individual.
 - d. Provides a system for an orderly transfer of command.

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- A. The Fire Chief shall ensure compliance with state and federal worker safety and health protection laws and state and federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) regulations, which are set forth in 29 CFR 1910.120 et. seq., and OAR 437-002-0005 et. seq., as they may be amended from time to time.
- B. The District is a designated Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team by the State of Oregon, and the Fire Chief shall ensure the team’s compliance with ORS 453.374 – ORS 453.390, Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 837, Division 120 (OAR 837-120-001 et. seq.), applicable federal and state OSHA regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon, as they may be amended from time to time. The Emergency Response Team also operates within the limits in Oregon-OSHA OAR Chapter 437, Division 2.
- C. The District shall provide operational guidelines for responding to hazardous materials incidents both internally and through its designation as an Emergency Response Team.

LEGAL REFERENCE

29 CFR 1910.120

OAR 437-002-0005

OAR 837-120-001

ORS 453.374 – ORS 453.390

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This is to certify that Operations, Section 7, policies 7.1 – 7.7, were duly adopted and approved by Board action on:

Justin J. Dillingham, President of the Board

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APPROVED: December 12, 2023