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PURPOSE

- 1.0 To establish a clear understanding of employee responsibility and authority.

APPLICABILITY

- 2.0 All personnel in the Fire and Rescue Occupational Series.
- 2.1  This policy was developed in cooperation with the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1664.

DEFINITIONS

- 3.0 Incident activities: responding to or participating in an incident.
- 3.1 Most Senior DFRS Employee: the DFRS employee who has been serving in rank for the longest period of time. In cases where two (2) or more employees have been serving in an equal rank for an equal period of time, the DFRS employee with the earlier DFRS employment date is the most senior employee
- 3.2 Supervisor: the individual responsible for all other employees at the same work site or location.

POLICY

- 4.0 The highest ranking, most senior DFRS employee must assume responsibility as the supervisor.
- 4.1 The supervisor has the authority and responsibility to direct employees according to DFRS policies, procedures, and directives.
- 4.2 The supervisor must ensure that personnel comply with all DFRS policies, procedures, and directives.
- 4.3 All DFRS personnel must comply with Fire and Rescue Commission (FRC) Regulation 02-01, "Integrated Emergency Command Structure"



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(IECS) during incident activities. However, the DFRS supervisor is responsible for the health and safety of the DFRS personnel participating in the incident and must ensure compliance with all instructions and commands of the incident commander (IC) that do not unreasonably threaten the health and safety of DFRS personnel.

- 4.4 When DFRS personnel assigned to EMS units are involved in patient transport, the patient attendant is responsible for patient care and the driver is responsible for the operation of the unit. At other times, and on all other units, the highest ranking, most senior DFRS employee must act as the supervisor according to the provisions of this policy.

CANCELLATION

- 5.0 This policy cancels and replaces DFRS Policy and Procedure No. 101 entitled Chain Of Command, dated August 8, 1995.