

***PURPOSE***

In order to achieve peak administrative and operational efficiency, emergency service organizations must establish a solid organizational structure and chain of command. The chain of command must be fully understood and strictly adhered to by all personnel.

OBJECTIVE

To provide all ECFR personnel with the proper chain of command, thereby promoting good communications and preventing duplication of efforts.

SCOPE

All Personnel

CHAIN OF COMMAND

The chain of command establishes that each member reports to one person. In the Incident Management System this is known as Unity of Command. In the simplest terms, personnel report to one person above them, and each succeeding level to the supervisor or person above them. Conversely, orders are established higher in the organizational level and communicated down through the ranks.

All personnel are required to follow the chain of command in dealing with day-to-day operations. Therefore, issues should be resolved at the lowest level of the organization and brought through the rank structure step by step, and vice versa.

The Incident Command System (ICS) shall be used on all emergency scenes. Personnel shall follow all departmental rules, regulations, policies, procedures, directives, and/or guidelines as they relate to ICS.

The following chain of command shall be recognized and followed by all ECFR personnel:

- Fire Chief
- Deputy Fire Chief
- Battalion Chief
- District Chief
- Assistant District Chief
- Captain
- Lieutenant
- Firefighter
- Firefighter Trainee