

SOUTHERN STONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Southern Stone County Fire Protection District to maintain an honorable, professional and ethical organization that practices a high degree of integrity while serving the citizens and visitors of the Fire District.

CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of the Fire District and an Emergency Responder, I regard myself as a member of an important and highly honorable profession whose fundamental duty is to serve mankind, safeguard lives and property.

I recognize and acknowledge that I am a public servant, funded and supported by public tax dollars and therefore I serve the public **NOT** for public gain or glory, but rather to accomplish the mission of the Southern Stone County Fire Protection District in providing the best care and assistance to everyone I encounter.

I recognize my position as an Emergency Responder is a symbol of public faith and that I am a bearer of the utmost public faith – serving them in honesty, integrity and faithfulness – protecting their dignity and the confidentiality of their private lives.

I shall not touch other people's property or possessions, nor enter private property without need or authorization. I shall protect other people's valuables/property and shall insure that these possessions are returned to the owner at the earliest possible time.

I will perform my duties with efficiency, good judgment and impartiality to the best of my ability, accepting full responsibility for **all** my actions.

I will conduct myself and perform my duties in an honest and professional manner contributory to my fellow workers **AND** observe and uphold the policies and procedures of the Fire District and the laws of the County, State and Nation.

I will not work for unethical advantage or profit and will not compromise integrity for advancement or personal gain in the performance of my duties.

I will recognize at all times that I am a public safety employee, and that ultimately I am responsible to the public and in that regard, am held to a higher standard of conduct by the public.

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I will strive for those values, which will reflect honor on my fellow firefighters, the Fire District and myself, and regard my fellow firefighters with the same standards and respect as I maintain for myself.

I will work as a team member to achieve the goals of the organization, and follow the orders of the officers appointed over me.

I will develop and maintain an attitude of safety in the duties and tasks that I execute for the sake of the public, my fellow firefighter, my family, and for myself.

I accept as a personal duty to keep myself well-educated and trained as an Emergency Responder.

I will keep my personal life honorable as an example to **EVERYONE** of my honorable calling as a firefighter.

I recognize the positive relationship between good physical and mental conditioning and the performance of my job and commit myself to appropriate conditioning in order to keep myself prepared to perform.

I share a reciprocal affinity with an obligation to my fellow firefighters, my administration, and my agency.