

# **SOUTHERN STONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECION DISRICT**

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## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The purpose of this policy is to provide a guideline that defines the Special Teams of the Southern Stone County Fire Protection District. As there are numerous hazards, special response situations, and varying levels of technology that require management of a special nature, there is a need to maintain special teams. The Fire District operates the following Special Teams:

Hazardous Materials Team  
Technical Rescue Team  
Fire Prevention Team  
Fire Investigation Team  
Honor Guard  
FFAM Competition Team

Each team has a mission specific to a specialized area of operation in the Fire District. Each team also has specific guidelines of operation and requirements for its members. Those specific missions, guidelines and requirements are as follows:

## **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM**

The Hazardous Materials Team is a specially trained group of individuals with special equipment organized for the mitigation of Hazardous Materials incidents that occur within the boundaries of the Southern Stone County Fire Protection District, or when requested by mutual aid. The team is made up of individuals trained to the level of Hazardous Materials-Technician and Operations.

## **ACTIVATION**

The team is activated by a Chief Officer or when a hazardous materials incident is reported and dispatched according to Central Dispatch's guidelines.

## **MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

The following qualifications are required to become a member of the Hazardous Materials Team:

- SSCFPD Basic Firefighter (or equivalent)
- Fire Fighter II
- Hazardous Materials – Technician or Operations (current standard)
- Minimum of one year with Southern Stone County Fire Protection District
- Current on District training requirements

## **TEAM MEETING**

The Hazardous Materials Team will meet on the third Monday evenings in the months of February, May, August, and November at 7 pm. Members must attend 50% of schedule team meetings in order to remain in active status with the team. Team meetings do qualify for reimbursement point accrual.

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**TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM**

The Technical Rescue Team is a group of specially trained firefighters organized to conduct rescues of special nature that require specialized training that would not be practical to train each member of the District. Rescues of a special nature are defined as high-angle rope rescues, confined space rescues, water rescues, trench rescue, cave rescue, structural collapse, and other special rescue situations as needed. The Team is made up of firefighters training to the level of the Division of Fire Safety Rescue Technician.

**ACTIVATION**

The team is activated by a Chief Officer, or when a special rescue incident is reported and dispatched according to Central Dispatch's guidelines.

**MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

The following qualifications are required to become a member of the Technical Rescue Team:

- SSCFPD Basic Firefighter (or equivalent)
- Fire Fighter I (or enrolled in)
- Hazardous Materials Awareness
- Minimum of one year with Southern Stone County Fire Protection District
- Current on District training requirements

**TEAM MEETING**

The Technical Rescue Team will meet on the third Saturday of each month at 9 am and on the previous Friday evening at 7 pm. Members must attend 50% of scheduled team meetings in order to remain in active status with the team. Team meetings do qualify for reimbursement point accrual.

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**FIRE PREVENTION TEAM**

The Fire Prevention Team is a group of individuals charged with the responsibility of developing and/or implementing a variety of fire prevention/public education programs; both developed internally and/or canned programs.

**ACTIVATION**

The Fire Prevention Team is primarily a team that operates in a non-emergency mode. Activation or scheduling of the team is done by the Fire Marshal, when requested to do or when specific prevention activities are:

- Learn Not to Burn
- Risk Watch
- Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery
- Annual NFPA Fire Prevention Week Activities

**MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

- SSCFPD Basic Firefighter (or equivalent)
- Minimum of one year with Southern Stone County Fire Protection District
- Current on District training requirements

**TEAM MEETING**

The Fire Prevention Team will meet on the fourth Monday evening of each month at 6 pm. Members must attend 50% of scheduled Team meetings in order to remain in active status with the team. Team meetings do qualify for reimbursement point accrual.

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**FIRE INVESTIGATION TEAM**

The Fire Investigation Team is a team of individuals organized to conduct investigations of cause and origin of fires that occur within the Fire District. The team works individually or in concert with area law enforcement agencies and the Missouri State Fire Marshal's office.

**ACTIVATION**

The Fire Investigation Team is activated at the request of a Chief Officer or the Incident Commander of any fire of which the cause is not readily evident.

**MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

- SSCFPD Basic Firefighter (or equivalent)
- Fire Fighter II
- Minimum of one year with Southern Stone County Fire Protection District
- Missouri Certified Fire Investigator I
- Current on District training requirements

**TEAM MEETING**

The Fire Investigation Team will meet on the second Monday evening of even numbered months at 7 pm. Members must attend 50% of schedule team meetings in order to remain in active status with the team. Team meetings do qualify for reimbursement point accrual.

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**HONOR GUARD**

The Honor Guard is a team of individuals organized to perform at special events, to include funerals, parades, and other special details as requested.

**ACTIVATION**

The Honor Guard is activated at the request of the Fire Chief or his designee.

**MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

- SSCFPD Basic Firefighter (or equivalent)
- Minimum of one year with Southern Stone County Fire Protection District
- Current on District training requirements

**TEAM MEETING**

The Honor Guard will meet on the second Thursday of every month at 7 pm. Members must attend 50% of scheduled team meetings in order to remain in active status with the team. Team meetings do qualify for reimbursement point accrual.

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**FFAM COMPETITION TEAM**

The FFAM Competition Team is a team of individuals organized to compete at contests held throughout the State, as well as at the State Championship held at the annual FFAM Convention.

**ACTIVATION**

The FFAM Competition Team is activated at the request of the Fire Chief, FFAM Team Coordinator, or designee.

**MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

- Must be a current, active member of the District.
- Must be a current, active member of FFAM to compete in contests

**TEAM MEETING**

The FFAM Competition Team will meet as the Coordinator deems necessary. Team meetings do qualify for reimbursement point accrual.

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**SPECIAL TEAMS GENERAL**

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Application for membership on special teams will be done by filling out a standard application. Applications will be accepted throughout the year and positions filled as team members are needed. After an application is submitted, the applicant's eligibility will be reviewed and either assigned to a team or a waiting list.

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**Southern Stone County Fire Protection District  
Special Teams Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Station \_\_\_\_\_ Hire Date \_\_\_\_\_

Team Applying For \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Qualifications:</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>	<b>Date</b>	
Basic Fire Fighter	_____	_____	<b>Office Staff Only:</b>
Fire Fighter I	_____	_____	
Fire Fighter II	_____	_____	Min Require _____
Haz Mat Ops/Tech	_____	_____	Dist Train _____
Pub Ed Requirement	_____	_____	
Fire Instructor I	_____	_____	
Fire Investigator I	_____	_____	
CPR/AED Instructor	_____	_____	
Other _____	_____	_____	
Other _____	_____	_____	

What strengths do you have that will make you an asset special teams membership? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have the time to commit to additional training and team meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Any other comments? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Interviewed \_\_\_\_\_ Assigned to \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_