

SOUTHERN STONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECION DISRICT

TITLE: Introductory Period

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APPLIES TO: All Personnel

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The introductory period is intended to give new employees the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to achieve a satisfactory level of performance and to determine whether the new position meets their expectations. Southern Stone County Fire Protection District uses this period to evaluate employee capabilities, work habits, and overall performance.

All new and rehired employees work on an introductory basis for the first 90 calendar days after their date of hire. Employees who are promoted or transferred within Southern Stone County Fire Protection District must complete a secondary introductory period of the same length with each reassignment to a new position. Any significant absence will automatically extend an introductory period by the length of the absence. If Southern Stone County Fire Protection District determines that the designated introductory period does not allow sufficient time to thoroughly evaluate the employee's performance, the introductory period may be extended for a specified period.

In cases of promotions or transfers within Southern Stone County Fire Protection District, an employee who, in the sole judgment of management, is not successful in the new position can be removed from that position at any time in accordance to District policies and procedures. If this occurs, the employee may be allowed to return to his or her former job or to a comparable job for which the employee is qualified, depending on the availability of such positions and Southern Stone County Fire Protection District's needs.

Upon satisfactory completion of the initial introductory period, employees enter the "regular" employment classification.

During the initial introductory period, new employees are eligible for those benefits that are required by law, such as workers' compensation insurance and Social Security. After becoming regular employees, they may also be eligible for other Southern Stone County Fire Protection District-provided benefits, subject to the terms and conditions of each benefits program. Employees should read the information of each specific benefits program for the details on eligibility requirements.

Benefits eligibility and employment status may not change during the secondary introductory period that results from a promotion or transfer within Southern Stone County Fire Protection District.