

SOUTHERN STONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

TITLE: Accident Review

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APPLIES TO: All Personnel

POLICY: # 900

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ACCIDENT REVIEW

1. In the event of an accident involving a Fire District vehicle and/or personal vehicle responding to a dispatched incident, a review of the accident will be conducted. Accident shall be defined as any incident that involves property damage.
2. The driver of any District vehicle involved in an accident that amounts to \$5,000.00 or more shall immediately submit to a blood or urine test for chemical substances, to be administered at the nearest emergency room or as otherwise directed by the officer in charge. Additionally, the driver of the vehicle, along with any passengers in the vehicle or the injured individual, and any Fire District members that witness the accident will complete a written summary of the accident and submit the summary to the Chief Officer of the standing committee within twenty-four (24) hours.
3. The written summaries will then be submitted to an Accident Review Committee selected by the Chief, consisting of two Station Officers, two Firefighters and a Chief Officer. The Committee selected will be a standing committee that will be evaluated on an annual basis.
4. The Review Committee will review all summaries submitted and interview the different individuals involved as necessary. The Committee will then make a written recommendation to the Fire Chief or designee as to their findings on the accident within ten (10) days of the accident.
5. Areas to be addressed in the recommendation are:
 - a. Possible contributing circumstances to the accident.
 - b. Recommendations as to the operator's abilities in handling apparatus.
 - c. Possible ways of preventing future accidents.
6. In each incident involving fire apparatus, the driver will be suspended from driving until:
 - a. The Review Committee has submitted their recommendations.
 - b. The recommendations have been completed with the individual.
 - c. Given emergency approval by the Chief or designee.
7. If the findings of the Review Committee warrant, the firefighter shall be subject to the disciplinary procedures contained in District Policy 700.