

Chapter 4

FIRE DEPARTMENT



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4.01 Departmental Organization.

The fire department shall consist of the fire chief and such subordinates as may be authorized by the village board.

4.02 Policies and Procedures. The fire department shall adopt policies and procedures. The policies and procedures shall be adopted by a majority vote of the members of the fire department, approved by the Public Health and Safety committee and confirmed by the village board. Amendments to the policies and procedures shall be made in the same manner. The policies and procedures shall be filed with the administrator.

4.03 Appointments. (1) FIRE CHIEF. The fire chief shall be appointed subject to the provisions of section 1.03 of this code. The fire chief shall hold office during good behavior subject to suspension or removal by the village board or as otherwise provided by law.

(2) FIRE FIGHTERS. (a) Application for membership. Applications for membership in the department shall be filed with the department. Applicants for service on the department shall be subject to a physical examination by a physician of the village's choosing. The village shall assume the cost of such exam.

(b) Assistant fire chiefs and officers shall be appointed by the fire chief subject to approval by the village board.

(c) Firefighters shall be appointed by the fire chief subject to approval by the village board.

(d) Any fire fighter may be required at any time during his or her volunteer service to submit to a physical examination by a physician of the village's choosing. The village shall assume the cost of such exam.

(e) Assistant fire chiefs, officers and firefighters shall serve at the pleasure of the village board.

4.04 Powers and Duties of the Fire

Chief. The fire chief shall: (1) be responsible for the administration and supervision of the fire department, and emergency government under the supervision of the administrator;

(2) have all of the rights and responsibilities defined in the ordinances of the village and Wisconsin State Statutes;

(3) subscribe to the powers and duties as defined by the position description of the fire chief as adopted from time to time by the village board and incorporated herein by reference;

(4) act as the emergency government director with all of the powers and duties prescribed in Wis. Stats. § 166;

(5) perform other duties as directed by the administrator or village board and provisions of this code.

4.05 Equipment and Apparatus. (1) The fire chief shall have control over all equipment and apparatus used by the department and shall be responsible for their proper maintenance.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this code, no equipment or apparatus shall be used for any purpose except for firefighting within the village limits, or in training therefor, except pursuant to mutual aid agreements approved by the village board after the fire chief has given a recommendation on such use.

(3) With the approval of the fire chief, equipment and apparatus may be used for emergency purposes within the village. The fire chief may also authorize the use of the equipment and apparatus for legitimate civic purposes. Reports of such usage will be made to the Public Health and Safety Committee.

4.06 Police Power of the Department. (1) **AUTHORITY AT FIRES.** The fire chief, or in his or her absence the officer in command, at any fire is hereby vested with full and complete police authority.

(2) **POLICE POWERS** The fire chief, officer in charge, designated assistants, and fire inspectors shall have the authority permitted by law.

No person shall hinder or obstruct the fire inspector or fire inspection deputies in the performance of their duties.

4.07 Burning Permits. Burning permits shall be issued by the fire chief according to section 8.03(1)(a) of this code.

4.08 Fire Code. Regulations concerning fire codes for construction are contained in section 15.07 of this code.

4.09 Fireworks Permits. The fire chief is authorized to issue fireworks permits according to section 8.02(2) of this code.