



# GENERAL ORDER

## Fire Marshal Notification

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Approved By: Darren L. Stevens, Fire Rescue Chief

In August of this year, Captain Russell Baker was promoted into a newly created fire marshal position that is dedicated to fire prevention, inspection, and investigation activities. To facilitate information flow on these topics, the following guidelines shall be followed until such time that an operating procedure is developed and issued.

The term notify shall mean to contact the fire marshal to advise them of a situation. This can be completed by phone or email depending on the circumstances.

The term request shall mean to advise the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) to dispatch the fire marshal or a fire investigator to respond to the incident.

The term vehicle shall include all cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, recreational vehicles, boats, planes and trains.

### CODE VIOLATIONS

Upon arrival at an incident scene not pertaining to active fire and after any emergency hazards have been mitigated, the officer in charge finds reason to believe that the cause of the incident is due to negligence pertaining to a fire code violation, the incident officer shall notify, or have the ECC notify the fire marshal. The fire marshal shall make the determination as to the priority of response.

### FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

As stated in title 27-31 of the Code of Virginia, all fires in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be investigated. If at any time the officer in charge on the scene of a fire cannot determine and document in the report that the classification of the fire is accidental, a request for a fire marshal or a fire investigator shall be made.

Accidental Fires - If the officer in charge has determined that the classification of the fire is in fact accidental, the fire marshal shall be notified as soon as possible.

Structural Fires - All structural fire incidents with active fire, the fire marshal shall be requested as early into the incident as possible. This should be requested through ECC.

Vehicle Fires - All vehicle fire incidents with active fire, the fire marshal, at a minimum, shall be notified (except fires contained to vehicle brakes).

Fatalities - All fire incidents involving a fatality, the fire marshal shall be requested.

Unattended Fires – Unattended fires of any kind, the fire marshal, at a minimum, shall be notified. This notification should be requested through ECC.

Explosions - Any explosion not covered above, the fire marshal shall be requested.

Injuries - Injuries resulting from direct flame contact or by products from combustion, the fire marshal, at a minimum, shall be notified.

## **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

Upon the confirmation of a hazardous material spill, the fire marshal, at a minimum, shall be notified.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Captain Baker's radio designation is FM 1100.

Captain Baker can also be contacted by cell phone (540) 878-9261 and [russell.baker@fauquiercounty.gov](mailto:russell.baker@fauquiercounty.gov)

Questions regarding this general order should be directed to Captain Russell Baker.