

# Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue

## **OPERATING PROCEDURE**

No. 801

### **Fire Marshal Notification**

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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this directive is to provide guidelines for notifying the Fire Marshal or requesting the response of the Fire Marshal or a fire investigator.

## **SCOPE**

This operating procedure applies to all Fauquier County Department of Fire-Rescue personnel as well as the Fauquier County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and its associated departments.

## **I. DEFINITIONS.**

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

## **II. PROCEDURE**

- A. 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.

**Desire to Serve**

**Ability to Perform**

**Courage to Act**

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- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. 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.
- E. Vehicle Fires - All vehicle fire incidents with active fire, the fire marshal, at a minimum, shall be notified (except fires contained to vehicle brakes).
- F. Fatalities - All fire incidents involving a fatality, the fire marshal shall be requested.
- G. Unattended Fires – Unattended fires of any kind, the fire marshal, at a minimum, shall be notified. This notification should be requested through ECC.
- H. Explosions - Any explosion not covered above, the fire marshal shall be requested.
- I. Injuries - Injuries resulting from direct flame contact or by products from combustion, the fire marshal, at a minimum, shall be notified.
- J. Hazardous Material Spills - Upon the confirmation of a hazardous material spill, the fire marshal, at a minimum, shall be notified.