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FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE FIRE COMMISSION RECOGNITION/APPROVAL

Every fire department shall meet the following requirements for maintaining recognition or approval from the State Fire Commission:

1. Provide a sufficient number of active members for response to emergencies.

At least four members shall be assembled before initiating interior fire fighting operations at a working structural fire.*

❖ Definition of working structural fire is any fire that requires the use of a 1 ½ inch or larger fire attack hose line and that also requires the use of self-contained breathing apparatus for members entering the hazardous area.

2. Provide complete personal protective clothing for each active member. Clothing shall comply with current National Fire Protection Association Codes and Standards at time of purchase.
Note: Personal protective clothing shall include helmet, hood, pants, coat, gloves and boots.
3. Provide a minimum of four self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and four spare bottles for each active Class A pumper and aerial devices.
Note: Total number of required SCBA's and spare bottles must be available at the incident but not necessarily carried on each individual apparatus.
4. At least one member shall be certified as a repair person for SCBA or the department must provide evidence of an agreement or contract with qualified repairman, firm, or company to provide such service.
5. Provide one minimum 500 or greater gpm Class A Pumper in accordance with NFPA 1901, Pumper Fire Apparatus, per station.
Note: Any new Class A pumper purchased must have at least 750 gpm capacity.
6. Provide a minimum supply of 250 gpm for 5 minutes at a fire emergency.
7. Provide a written mutual aid agreement with fire departments or companies in surrounding areas.
8. Provide adequate and secure housing to maintain apparatus and equipment.
9. Provide communications for receipt and dispatching of fire departments or companies, provide a radio in each emergency vehicle.

10. Provide PASS (Personal Alert Safety System) for each required SCBA.
11. (a) EXISTING MEMBERS: All presently active members will meet WVU Firefighter I, Section 1, or equivalent, prior to participation in any fire or hazardous emergency.

Note: Active members not meeting this requirement will be limited to participation in those support activities that can be safely performed at the incident.

12. Provide advanced fire service training for all Fire Department Line Officers.

Note: Advance training may include, but not limited to, the following:

- A. Fire Department Administration
- B. The Incident Command System
- C. Leadership I
- D. Leadership II
- E. Leadership III
- F. Managing Company Tactical Operations/Preparation
- G. Managing Company Tactical Operations/Decision Making
- H. Managing Company Tactical Operations/Tactics

13. Comply with the requirements of the West Virginia State Fire Code.

Note: The requirements applicable are in reference to construction or renovation of fire department facilities and Fire Incident Reporting.

THESE REQUIREMENTS BECAME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1995.