



WARE FIRE DEPARTMENT Standard Operating Guideline

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These Standard Operating Guidelines (S.O.G.s) are the official guidelines for the use of all members, and are intended to cover in a general way the duties and operations of the Ware Fire Department. These guidelines have been approved by the Fire Chief and reviewed by the Officers in an effort to develop the most effective and efficient department operations.

Every situation that we encounter has its own unique characteristics: however, these situations also often have many common needs. We have been trained to utilize procedures and evolutions to deal with these situations. Many of the tasks that we perform need to be done in a consistent and safe manner so that the best possible outcomes are achieved. Members shall exercise their best judgment consistent with the mission and values in extraordinary situations not covered by the SOG's.

Any future changes, additions or deletions shall be distributed after approval of the Fire chief. Each member will be held personally responsible to ensure current knowledge of the departments SOG'S.

Organizational Mission Statement

The Ware Fire Department will serve all people through the delivery of the highest quality fire suppression, protection, public fire education, prevention and inspection and emergency medical services and rescue.

Purpose

In support of our mission, the Chief of the Ware Fire Department has established these SOG's to ensure a written, official and standard course of action for the Ware Fire Department that when followed will increase departmental safety and effectiveness during operations. These guidelines shall be followed while engaged in department functions and operations.

Deviation from Guidelines

These guidelines apply to all members of the Ware Fire Department. These guidelines are designed to be the basis of control at all incidents and situations to which the department responds. Tactics and strategies used during an incident or situation are dependent on consistent application of these guidelines; therefore, these guidelines shall be utilized unless there is a specific and justifiable reason to deviate from the established practices. Members may in good faith override a guideline to expedite or expand services. This may be done if safety, property, and the environment are not compromised or if such an action does not result in an action contrary to the principles of the department's mission statement. Members are expected to use good judgment and to be ready to justify and document their initiative. Members are encouraged to remember that our collective goal is to provide better and more efficient services to the people of Ware.

Guidelines may be overridden by a direct order from the Fire Chief, Incident Commander or the person in charge of a group or division or task. Within the scope of the organizations mission and values, the Incident Commander can adjust the guidelines to meet the needs of specialized or unusual situations.