

Incident Safety Officer

CHAPTER 4.1

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Qualifications

- Florida certified minimum fire standards to be Safety at fire scene.
- Have been designated by Incident Command as the Safety Officer (ID will be "Safety").
- Have and maintain knowledge of potential safety hazards involved in firefighting and rescue practices.

Authority

- The Safety Officer shall have the responsibility to identify and cause correction of safety hazards at the station, during training, and emergency operations.
- Safety Officers shall have the authority to cause immediate correction of situations that are an imminent hazard to personnel.
- At an emergency incident, where activities are judged by a Safety Officer to be unsafe and to involve an imminent hazard, the Safety Officer shall have the authority to alter, suspend, or terminate those activities. The Safety Officer shall immediately inform the IC of any actions taken to correct imminent hazards at an emergency scene.
- At an emergency incident where the Safety Officer identifies unsafe conditions that do not present an imminent danger, the Safety Officer shall take appropriate action through the IC to mitigate or eliminate the unsafe condition.
- Where non-imminent hazards are identified, a safety officer shall develop actions to correct the situation within the administrative process of the Department.

Records

- The assigned Safety Officer will document any unsafe or hazardous actions taken during an event and make recommendations via Department administrative process to avoid similar situations in future if possible.
- In the event of a death and/or injury at an incident, the Safety Officer will participate in the investigation.

Training

- A Safety Officer will be assigned any time the situation (training activities, emergency incident) warrants.

Incident Safety

- The Department shall insure that training for safety procedures relating to Department operations and functions is offered to all of the Department members.