

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 10
2095 Yew St. Rd
Bellingham, WA 98226

General Policy Information

The District philosophy on Policy is to provide protection to the firefighter, the District and the Community.

Each policy is enacted to provide direction and levels of expectations in delivering emergency services to the community.

Policy provides direction and enables consistent decision-making. Many policies have their origin with state law and are rigid and strongly enforced. We attempt to provide some policy that leaves some level of judgment based on the particular situation.

Each member is expected to review policy on a periodic basis to assure a level of understanding and communications. On an annual basis the District will provide a review of policy as part of the training program.

As a new firefighter you will be required to read and document that you have read and understand the policy of the District. If there are any questions you are encouraged to inquire.

As an agent of the District you are also responsible to assure others are made aware of the policy. If you observe inappropriate behavior of other members of the District you are to inform the firefighter or report the violation to an Officer at the earliest opportunity.

The Board of Commissioners are the responsible party that authorizes policy. The Fire Chief is responsible for implement policy and all personnel are responsible to conform to the policy as well as report infractions.

There is a policy manual available in the training room and in the office. We are not providing all members a copy of the policy manual because of the need to constantly update. The fewer manuals available the less work it takes to maintain current policies. The Policy Manual in the training room will have a sign off sheet for members to initial that they have reviewed annually by December 31 of each year.