



Fire Protection Training

Procedures Handbook 4300

FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM

TOPIC: Fire Department Codes, Ordinances and Regulations

TIME FRAME: 1 Hour

LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION:

BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE:

Condition: A written quiz

Behavior: The student will list and describe codes, ordinances, and regulations that affect fire department activities.

Standard: With a minimum of 70% accuracy

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- California Laws Relating To Fires and Fire Fighters, local, county, city or district codes, ordinances and regulations

REFERENCES:

- IFSTA, Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement, 5th Edition, Chapter 1
- California Laws Relating To Fires And Fire Fighters, Office of State Fire Marshal, 1987.
- CA Title 19
- Local codes and ordinances

PREPARATION: Codes, ordinances, and regulations at various governmental levels affect the activities of the fire department. Many of the codes regulate the fire department's responsibility and authority. Others may regulate how a fire department conducts its operations in fire suppression and general fire protection services. To comply with these there must be a basic understanding of the regulatory system.



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| <p>I. CODES, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS THAT AFFECT FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES ARE ADOPTED AT VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL LEVELS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. FederalB. StateC. CountyD. City or townE. DistrictF. Model codes <p>II. FEDERAL LEVEL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA)<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Safety in the workplace for employeesB. Department of Transportation (DOT) RegulationsC. Generally fire personnel do not enforce federal regulations, but with knowledge of these requirements, can report violations to the proper authorities <p>III. STATE LEVEL</p> | <p>What are some examples of federal regulations that affect the fire department?</p> <p>Instructor Note: Have students identify some state level codes, ordinances, regulations and their impacts on the fire service.</p> |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. California Constitution<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Funding of fire departments2. Personnel hiring practicesB. Business and Professional Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Safety for employees2. Use of hazardous materialsC. Civil Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Fire fighter safety2. Assault on or hampering fire fightersD. Civil Procedures Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Operation of the fire department2. Issuing of warrantsE. Education Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Training of fire personnelF. Election code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Governing bodies of fire departmentsG. Evidence Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Fire investigation procedures2. Use of witnessesH. Fish and Game Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Fire hazard closures | <p>Give and ask for examples</p> |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Food and Agriculture Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Use of pesticides2. Labeling of hazardous materialsJ. Government Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Formation of fire departments2. Administration of fire departments3. Funding of fire departments4. Insurance of fire departments5. Representation of personnel by unions or associations6. Retirement systems7. Employee benefits8. Department recordkeeping9. Pipeline safetyK. Harbors and Navigation Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Operations in harbors and water ways2. Hazardous materials in waterways or bodies of waterL. Health and Safety Code - Title 19/24<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Fire prevention inspections2. Life safety | <p>What are some of the ways the Health and Safety Code affects fire departments?</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">3. Building construction<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. State Electrical Code4. Public Safety<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Fire Extinguisher Regulationsb. Fireworksc. Fire Protection Systemsd. Flame Retardant Application5. Personnel safety6. Hazardous materials7. Coordination/Regulation of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)8. Vehicle uses and safetyM. Insurance Codes<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Investigation of fires2. Insurance for employeesN. Labor Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Employee benefits2. Employee working conditions3. Workplace safetyO. Military Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Use of facilities during emergenciesP. Penal Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Peace officer status | |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">2. Arrests by fire personnel3. InvestigationsQ. Public Resources Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Hazardous materials2. Operations on wildland fires3. Fire closuresR. Public Utilities Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Use of water2. Radioactive material transportationS. Revenue and Taxation Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. FundingT. Streets and Highways Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Emergency 911 signs2. Emergency call boxesU. Unemployment Insurance Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Employee benefitsV. Vehicle Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Emergency vehicle operation2. Hazardous materials transportation3. Inspections of vehiclesW. Water Code<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Funding | |



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| <p>D. Fire Prevention</p> <p>E. Investigation</p> <p>F. Building Construction</p> <p>VI. MODEL CODES</p> <p>A. May be Adopted at Various Levels</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be adopted within 180 days of state adoption <p>B. May be Modified after Adoption</p> <p>C. Usually Updated on a Regular Basis</p> <p>D. Some Examples are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uniform Fire Code <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Regulates activities within a building once constructed b. Used primarily for fire inspections and allowable occupancy modifications 2. Uniform building code <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Regulates building construction and occupancy during planning and construction b. Building and safety regulations included <p>VII. DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS</p> <p>A. Written/Approved By Chief</p> <p>B. Establish Policy, Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines</p> | <p>What does the UFC govern?</p> |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">C. Pertain to All Aspects of the Job<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Uniforms, grooming standards2. Employee schedules3. Employee conduct4. Vehicle use and maintenance5. Station duties6. Emergency responsesD. Pertain to Job Related Issues<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Substance abuse2. Sexual harassment3. Discrimination4. Progressive discipline | |
| <p>VIII. CONTRACT/MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. WagesB. Work HoursC. BenefitsD. Miscellaneous Terms and Conditions of Employment | |



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SUMMARY:

Since codes, ordinances and regulations are changed and updated often it is better for fire department personnel to have a general knowledge of the various topics contained in each code that affect the fire department. There is too much material to memorize and memorization may cause problems as codes are updated.

Fire department personnel should be familiar with all codes that affect the administration, and operation of their department.

EVALUATION:

A written quiz.

ASSIGNMENT:

To be determined by instructor(s).