

Orchard Farm Fire Protection District Standard Operating Procedure

Division: 200 Emergency Operations
Section: 203 General
Subject: 203.05 Safety Officer



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PURPOSE:

To define the role and establish the authority of a Safety Officer on the scene of an emergency incident

RESPONSIBILITY:

All District Personnel

PROCEDURES:

During an emergency incident it shall be the responsibility of the Incident Commander to appoint a Safety Officer as soon as practical.

During the incident, if the Safety Officer identifies an activity will be threatened by or will cause an imminent hazard, he shall have the authority to alter, suspend or terminate the activity. The Safety Officer will immediately inform the Incident Commander of any actions taken to correct the imminent hazard and suggest an alternative course of action.

If the Safety Officer identifies unsafe conditions or operations that do not present an imminent danger, he shall take appropriate action through the Incident Commander to mitigate them. When these types of unsafe conditions or operations are preventable the Safety Officer shall submit recommend changes to the District SOPs through the Chief Officers.

DEFINITIONS:

Safety Officer:

An individual assigned at scene of an incident by the Incident Commander to perform the duties and responsibilities specified in NFPA 1521

Emergency Incident:

Activities of the District related to rescue, fire suppression, EMS, and special operations

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Imminent Hazard:

An act or condition that is judged to present a danger to persons or property that is so urgent and severe that it requires immediate corrective or preventive action