

Administrative Communications

206.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines, format and authority levels for the various types of administrative communication documents in existence within the District.

206.2 POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Blue Ridge Fire District to control the use of the name of the District and the use of letterhead, and to ensure that official administrative communications follow a specific format and are released only by persons with the authority to do so.

206.3 PERSONNEL ORDERS

Personnel orders may be issued periodically by the Fire Chief to announce and document promotions, transfers, hiring of new personnel, separations, personnel and group commendations, or other changes in status.

206.4 CORRESPONDENCE

In order to ensure that the letterhead and name of the District are not misused, all external correspondence shall be on district letterhead.

Members of the District may use letterhead only for official business and with approval of their supervisor.

206.5 MEMORANDUMS

Memorandums are a necessary and important component of effective operations at all levels of the District. For the purposes of clarity and to ensure appropriate distribution of written communications, all memorandums between district members shall utilize a standardized format.

Memorandums typically are used to memorialize and/or summarize communication and facts. Memorandums can be generated by a supervisor and sent to subordinates or a group of subordinates to give direction, clarify a policy decision or request an action by another division. A memorandum also may be written by line-level members to communicate information. If the recipient is of higher rank than the member's immediate supervisor or is outside the District, the information should be approved by the proper chain of command before being forwarded to the recipient.

Recommendations for a standardized district memorandum format include:

- A standard heading, including the name of the District.
- The date of the memorandum.
- The intended recipient of the memorandum.
- The name, rank and division of the district member creating the memorandum.

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- A brief statement of the subject of the memorandum.

206.6 FACSIMILE COVER SHEETS

All outgoing facsimile transmissions should include a standard district cover sheet as the first page of the transmission. The name of the member sending the facsimile should be clearly printed on the cover sheet along with all other pertinent information.

206.7 SURVEYS

All surveys made in the name of the District shall be authorized by the Fire Board or the Fire Chief or an authorized designee.