

Shasta Lake Fire Protection District – Policy and Procedures

Section: Administration		
Description: Mission, Purpose and Values	Number:	101
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Mission:

To safely protect all lives, property, and our environment from harm.

Purpose:

To prevent fires through:

- Education of public regarding the hazards, and behaviors that lead to destructive, uncontrolled fires.
- Fire protection planning of the community and buildings.
- Development and enforcement of codes and ordinances related to fire safety.

To suppress fires through:

- Rapid response, intervention and mitigation of all uncontrolled fires.
- Providing an adequate number of high caliber personnel with exceptional fire suppression training.
- Use of apparatus, equipment and extinguishing agents of the appropriate type
- Utilization of technological innovation to maximize operational efficiency.
- Inter-agency cooperation to provide resources for large scale operations.

To provide rescue and emergency medical services:

- With the highest level of service possible.
- Providing high caliber personnel with exceptional EMS skills and training.
- Obtain modern life-saving equipment in sufficient quantity and type.
- Developing cost-effective solutions to the communities evolving EMS needs.

To provide response to hazardous material releases:

- Providing high caliber personnel with specialized hazardous material training. Obtain appropriate apparatus and equipment to protect personnel and rapidly mitigate spills and releases of hazardous materials.
- Inter-agency cooperation to share personnel and resources without delay.
- The pre-planning of the response requirements to known hazards within the District.

To respond to disasters through:

- Provide community education related to disaster preparedness.
- Planning with affiliated agencies for responses to any potential disaster.
- Adequate training for personnel related to disaster planning and operations

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Values:

- Maintain the highest level of operational readiness at all times.
- Assure all personnel are adequately trained for their assignments.
- Treat every citizen with respect and kindness.
- Treat all our personnel fairly, reasonably, and with respect.
- Control costs while providing the best service possible for each dollar spent.
- Provide uniform a quality service to anyone who needs it, without prejudice.
- Maintain a professional personal appearance and demeanor at all times.
- Maintain all apparatus and equipment in the highest degree of readiness.
- Maintain facilities to assure functionality and professional appearance.
- Prevent tragic loss to our community through aggressive public education.
- Develop and maintain cooperation with other agencies and provide support for their mission(s).
- Prevent death and injury to all personnel through training, policy and equipment.
- Promote the public’s trust through open and inclusive decision-making.
- Improve the quality of life for our personnel by providing a living family wage and affordable benefits.
- Cooperate with the associations and representatives of our paid and volunteer staffs, insuring them a voice in District decision making.
- Provide for the future of our community through mentoring and apprenticeship.
- The duty of all paid staff is the support and training of the volunteer staff.
- Truth and honesty are the hallmark of trust and respect.

- The order of these values does not designate their order of importance.-

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