

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
FIRE DISTRICT POLICIES

POLICY: #1

RE: TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

It is the policy of the Washington Township Board of Fire Commissioners to establish training course recommendations and requirements for Fire Department personnel in accordance with applicable Local, State, and Federal regulations and guidelines. It is the purpose of this policy to stipulate minimum training standards for firefighters serving the Washington Township Fire District to ensure that they have the necessary knowledge and skills to safely perform firefighting duties and tasks. The training course recommendations and requirements applicable to this policy are as outlined below.

1. **Right to Know:** Pursuant to the New Jersey "Worker and Community Right to Know Act" [N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq.], all firefighters and junior firemen must receive "Right to Know" training within thirty (30) days of introduction into the fire department. Refresher training must be received on an annual basis thereafter.
2. **Hazardous Materials Awareness:** All firefighters and junior firemen must receive hazardous materials "First Responder Awareness Level" training, pursuant to OSHA regulations [29 CFR 1910.120(q)(6)], within one (1) year of introduction into the fire department. All personnel who receive this training shall receive annual refresher training of sufficient content and duration to maintain their competencies, or shall demonstrate competency in those areas at least yearly.
3. **Hazardous Materials Operations:** All firefighters must receive hazardous materials "First Responder Operations Level" training, pursuant to OSHA regulations [29 CFR 1920.120(q)(6)], within one (1) year of introduction into the fire department. All personnel who receive this training shall receive annual refresher training of sufficient content and duration to maintain their competencies, or shall demonstrate competency in those areas at least yearly.
4. **Firefighter 1:** All firefighters must, within one (1) year of introduction as a firefighter or advancement from junior fireman to firefighter, be enrolled in a "Firefighter 1" course meeting the "Standards for Fire Service Training and Certification" in New Jersey [N.J.A.C. 5:18C-4.1 et seq.]. Subsequent to this enrollment, the course must be successfully completed in order to be in compliance with this policy.

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5. **Bloodborne Pathogens:** All firefighters and junior firemen must receive a training program on "Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens", pursuant to OSHA regulations [29 CFR 1910.1030(g)(2)], within thirty (30) days of introduction into the fire department. Refresher training must be received on an annual basis thereafter.
6. **Defensive Driving:** All apparatus driver candidates shall successfully complete a National Safety Council (NSC) "Defensive Driving Course" prior to commencing any "behind-the-wheel" driver training. The NSC "Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator - Fire" course is recommended for compliance with this policy, although other NSC courses will be acceptable. It is also recommended that junior firemen and firefighters who are not apparatus driver candidates complete a defensive driving course in order to promote additional safety while responding to the fire station for emergency assignments.
7. **Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR):** It is recommended that all firefighters and junior firemen complete a certification course in CPR as taught by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

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