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**FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICY # 37-08**

**CONTROL OF FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the vital assets of the fire district maintained in fire stations and on fire apparatus are readily available for their designated purpose and are not misused, borrowed or taken for personal use. It is essential that equipment maintained on fire apparatus and auxiliary vehicles is kept at a high state of readiness. Equipment acquired by the fire district is intended to be used for official purposes only.

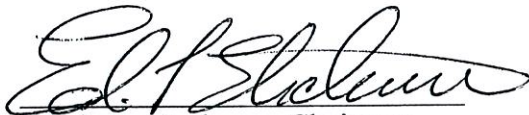
At no time is it acceptable for any member or employee of the Washington Township Fire District to take, borrow, use, rent, apply, steal, or otherwise misuse on behalf of themselves, a friend, family member or any other person equipment maintained on fire apparatus or auxiliary vehicles. Some examples of misuse of fire district assets include:

- Borrowing a chain saw to do yard improvements.
- Borrowing a vehicle with a winch to do landscape improvements on private property.
- Borrowing hand tools from apparatus to work on personal cars.

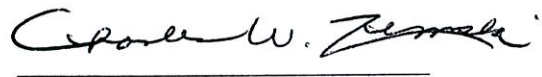
Members or employees found to be in violation of this policy shall be charged in accordance with fire department SOP #VII, Department Discipline, and may be charged criminally. This policy is not intended to prohibit the fire department's ability to provide services to the public at large.

This policy was adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners on January 8, 2009 and takes effect January 15, 2009.

BY:

  
Edwin L. Etschman, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Charles W. Zemski, Secretary