

SECTION II: FIREGROUND OPERATIONS AND FIRE RELATED DUTIES

2.6 CHAIN OF COMMAND AND LINE OFFICERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.6.1 Formal Chain of Command: The formal chain of command shall be as specified under Subsection 6.1.
- 2.6.2 Chain of Command in Other Fire Departments: When responding to a mutual aid call, the officer or senior member in charge of the battalion/department shall report to and be responsible to the officer in command of the incident.
- 2.6.3 Fire Report: Upon return to the fire station, the officer in charge shall be responsible for the completion of a vehicle response report. All appropriate spaces on the report shall be filled out. The agency(s) which investigated the cause of the fire (if any) shall be noted on the report. In addition, if any injuries occur while the battalion is in service, the nature and extent of the injuries and the treatment rendered shall be noted.
- 2.6.4 Injury Reports: The officer in charge shall be responsible for ensuring that the appropriate injury reports are completely filled out and forwarded to the Fire District as per WTFD Policy 7-97 for each injury incurred during a fire department function. **(Injury Form – See Appendix)**
- 2.6.5 Line Officers' Responsibilities at the Fire Scene: The fireground commander shall be responsible for overall direction of fire and emergency scene operations. They shall assign additional officers particular segments of the operation as needed. Fire department line officers are responsible for the following actions as they may apply to a given situation:
- a. Containment and extinguishment of fire.
 - b. Search and rescue operations
 - c. Securing all information required for reports
 - d. Summoning of medical assistance
 - e. Ensuring that fires are investigated for determination of cause
 - f. Ensuring that the mission of the fire department is carried out.
- 2.6.6 Line Officers Meetings: Line officers from each fire battalion shall meet on a regular basis.
- 2.6.7 Line Officers as Apparatus Drivers: Line officers should not drive or operate apparatus unless no other qualified drivers are available. If an officer does drive, they should relinquish the vehicle to the first available qualified operator who arrives on location at the emergency or fire scene.