

Lake Jericho Volunteer Fire and Rescue

Standard Operating Procedure

Subject: Fire Station Smoking Policy

Effective Date: January 30, 2010

Authorized By: Chief Guy Coombs

PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to establish Fire Department policy pertaining to smoking on Fire Department grounds, and to provide guidelines to regulate smoking in Department facilities.

POLICY

The Lake Jericho Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department fully supports the concept that all members and visitors have a right to visit, work and volunteer in facilities that are free of pollution, which may affect their health and comfort. Because evidence indicates that smoking presents severe hazards to health, the department is opposed to smoking in the areas designated as living and business areas of the station and supports activities, which encourage department members to stop smoking in public accessible areas.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Restrictions on smoking are to ensure the health and comfort of others are not compromised by pollution from smoking. The Fire Chief has recognized that because our fire station is also a public use facility under authorized and times of emergency it is imperative that the department was to make every effort to provide for all whom may visit or use the facility.

SMOKING PROHIBITED

Under Direction of the Fire Chief and supported by the Corporation Board of Directors smoking is prohibited in the following areas:

PUBLIC ACCESSED AREAS

Multi-Use room otherwise used as Conference room, Meeting room, Classroom, the radio room, kitchen or galley area, restrooms, and Chiefs Office which are a place of potential public assembly.

PROVISION OF SMOKING AREAS

Smoking may be permitted in designated areas and if non-smoking individuals have a reasonable opportunity to conduct normal activity in a smoke free environment.

Designated smoking areas that are used by members to use tobacco are expected to be free of the debris caused by the smokers as well as policed of discarded unextinguished cigarettes. This would typically be the apparatus bay areas, recreation area, and exterior of the building.