

ALBANY COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1

Wildland Firefighting Guidelines

Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

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01-1-001 DEFINITIONS

Wildland Firefighter - Person whose principal function is Wildland fire suppression, certified to NWCG PMS 310-1 Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide standards, including holding a Red Card and passing an Arduous Pack Test.

In-District Firefighter – Person whose principal function is fire suppression in Albany County Fire District 1 (ACFD1), certified to Local standards, not holding a Red Card, but passing a Moderate Field Test.

In-District Apparatus Driver/Operator – Person whose principal function is to drive fire apparatus and operate apparatus for firefighting personnel in ACFD1, certified to local standards, not holding a Red Card, but passing a Light Walk Test.

Local Standards – A moderate Field Test or Light Walk Test, depending on position applied for.

Arduous Pack Test – A test consisting of a three-mile hike in 45 minutes with a 45-pound pack, administered in accordance with NWCG PMS 307 Work Capacity Test standards. Between 7,000 and 8,000 feet in altitude, 75 seconds will be added to the overall time of completion, resulting in a total allowable time of 46 minutes and 15 seconds.

Moderate Field Test - A test consisting of a two-mile hike in 30 minutes with a 25-pound pack, administered in accordance with NWCG PMS 307 Work Capacity Test standards. Between 7,000 and 8,000 feet in altitude, 50 seconds will be added to the overall time of completion, resulting in a total allowable time of 30 minutes and 50 seconds.

Light Walk Test - A test consisting of a one-mile hike in 16 minutes without a pack, administered in accordance with NWCG PMS 307 Work Capacity Test standards. Between 7,000 and 8,000 feet in altitude, 25 seconds will be added to the overall time of completion, resulting in a total allowable time of 16 minutes and 25 seconds.

01-1-002 Rules and Regulations

Persons not wishing to deploy out of ACFD1 boundaries will be considered an In-District Firefighter and will be allowed to fight fires in ACFD1 as long as they pass a moderate field test and the firefighter must complete basic training to meet the minimum classroom and practical skills requirements for FFT2 (Red Card) per NWCG 310-1. Since they do not meet the full guidelines set forth in NWCG PMS 310-1, they are not eligible for a Red Card, but will meet Local Standards.

Persons not wishing to fight fire, but still be of help to their community and fire department, can take a Light Walk Test and will be considered an In-District Apparatus Driver/ Operator as long as they have the proper class of license for said apparatus and are qualified to operate said equipment. Since they do not meet the guidelines set forth in NWCG PMS 310-1, they are not eligible for a Red Card, but will meet Local Standards.

01-1-003 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

It shall be every member's responsibility to not engage in firefighting activities they are not certified for. If asked to do something not qualified for, it shall be their responsibility to inform their supervisor and decline said task.