



ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

OG - 100-204

Incident Safety Officer

Job Summary

The Safety Officer is appointed by the Fire Chief to monitor fireground activities to ensure that members are acting in the safest way possible for a given situation, to employ the Fireground Accountability Guidelines (400-100) on the fireground, and to mitigate avoidable hazards on the fireground.

Essential Job Functions

These duties while listed as essential job functions of the Safety Officer may be delegated as deemed necessary by the Safety Officer.

- Ensure that Fireground Accountability Guidelines (400-100), is properly utilized.
- Ensure that Personal Protective Equipment is being worn when needed.
- Conduct regular Personnel Accountability Roll Calls (PAR) according to the Fireground Accountability Guidelines on the fireground to account for members.
- Maintain regular contact with the Incident Commander regarding accountability and safety issues as they arise on the fireground.
- Monitor the scene and report the status of conditions, hazards and risks to the Incident Commander.
- Monitor the conditions, activities and operations to ensure that members are performing within an acceptable level of risk for a given situation.
- Ensure that a rehabilitation area is set up and maintained for members who have been in service.
- Ensure that established safety zones, collapse zones, hot zones and other designated hazard areas are communicated to all members present at the scene.

Other Duties

- Participates in ongoing training and education.
- Maintains administrative records and performs administrative duties as directed by the Fire Chief.

Physical Requirements

- Same as a Firefighter
- Must be able to hear, understand and follow orders of superior officers.
- Must be able to communicate effectively in person, via portable radio and via telephone with the Incident Commander and other Line Officers under hazardous conditions.
- Must be organized and able to maintain and employ the Fireground Accountability Guidelines on the fireground.
- Must be able to see and recognize hazards as they present themselves on the fireground and take steps to mitigate them.

Qualifications

- The person assigned as Incident Safety Officer should meet the Qualifications outlined in NFPA 1521 Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer 2002 Edition, Chapter 4 – 4.4 Qualifications of the Incident Safety Officer.