

Bethel Fire Department
Fire Chief Notification

A-003

Purpose and Policy:

The Fire Chief is head of the department and ultimately responsible for all members and is equally responsible to and for the taxpayers of this town and all people present. As such, the Fire Chief must be, at all times, aware of any and all major events concerning the welfare of the community, department, and all souls present within the confines of the Town of Bethel in any matter concerning the tasks and responsibilities assumed by and assigned to the Bethel Fire Department.

Requirements:

The Fire Chief shall be immediately notified for any of the following reasons:

- Death of any department employee, from any cause, on or off duty
- Injury of any departmental employee
- Any potential or actual Hazardous Materials Incident
- Any incident that is a Mass Casualty Event
- Any major violation of departmental policies and guidelines
- Any incident involving departmental equipment or apparatus
- Any incident involving the notification of or call out of county, state or federal resources, for example VSP, other law enforcement, Vermont State Hazardous Materials Response Team, and rescue unit, EOC activation, etc.
- At any time a citizen lodges a complaint verbally or in writing, to any officer or member
- When any Firefighter, truck driver, or member has driving privileges suspended or removed for points or for an infraction such as DWI/ DUI.
- At any time any employee is charged or under investigation for any crime.
- At any time it is not clear notification of the Fire Chief is required, notify the Fire Chief

Final Intent:

This policy is intended to inform the company of the need to inform the Fire Chief for any major event which occurs on the Chief's watch, and to take away any doubt of when to inform if not clear.

It is the responsibility of all members to read, understand and follow this Standard

Operating Guideline

Approved: _____ Date _____

Printed Name: _____