

Town of Wright Fire District Policies

Policy Name: **21.0 General Safety Policies**

Date Adopted: 7/14/14

Effective: Immediately

Revised:

Reviewed: *Annually*

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to further define safety guidelines for the District and Department. It does not exclude or override other policies addressed herein. It merely sets forth safety procedures for unique circumstances and activities.

II . Controlled Burns

- A. Any controlled burn requested of the District or Department, must be approved of by BOTH the District and acting Chief.
- B. Under no circumstances will the Department take part in live fire training that involves putting firefighters inside ANY acquired structure regardless of their training or level of certification.
- C. Proper preplanning must be done prior to any burn to insure complete safety and to maximize the training opportunity.
- D. A Chief must be present at any controlled burn
- E. All crews attending the burn exercise will be given a reinforcing safety debrief prior to any fire. The safety review will be provided by the acting Chief or their designee with acting Chief in attendance.
- F. All interior fire fighter training involving live fire shall take place at an approved fire training facility.

III. Parade Safety

- A. The Chief or designee will inquire from any parade organizer whether candy or trinkets will be thrown on the parade route.
- B. The Chief or designee will encourage organizers that any candy or trinkets be HANDED out beyond the curb point to reduce potentially catastrophic injuries.
- C. The Chief or designee will inform the Board of the parade rules at the time they request vehicles to attend said parade.
- D. If candy or trinkets are to be thrown, District vehicles may participate **ONLY** if there is a SPOTTER in addition to the driver. The spotter will be positioned on the passenger side, preferably outside of the vehicle. The driver should also maximize their safety perimeter to allow ample time for reaction.
- E. Spotter must play an **ACTIVE** role in watching for any hazards approaching the truck at any time prior to, during and after a parade.
- F. If **EITHER** the acting Chief **OR** driver feels that there is a safety issue in proceeding in a parade for any reason, they are to **IMMEDIATELY** withdraw from the parade and safely park the vehicle on the side until it is safe to resume.