

Incident Chain of Command

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The District Chief is in command of all Fire District Operations including all Fire, EMS, Auto Accidents, Ice Rescues, Technical Rescues, Searches, Etc.

The following are District Officers appointed by the Board of Fire Commissioners: (in order of rank)

- 1) 67-1: District Chief
- 2) 67-2: First Assistant Chief
- 3) 67-3: Second Assistant Chief
- 4) 67-8: Rescue Chief

In the matter of ANY call, it is the responsibility of ALL officers to work together to ensure the best possible outcome for the Public, and for the Members.

In the Matter of Fire Calls:

- The Ranking District Chief (Excluding the Rescue Chief) is in Charge
- In the absence of a Chief Officer, the ranking Fire Company Line Officer is in charge.
- In the absence of a Fire Company Line Officer, the first senior firefighter at the Scene is in charge
- In the absence of a Senior Firefighter, the Operator of the First arriving Fire Apparatus is in charge.

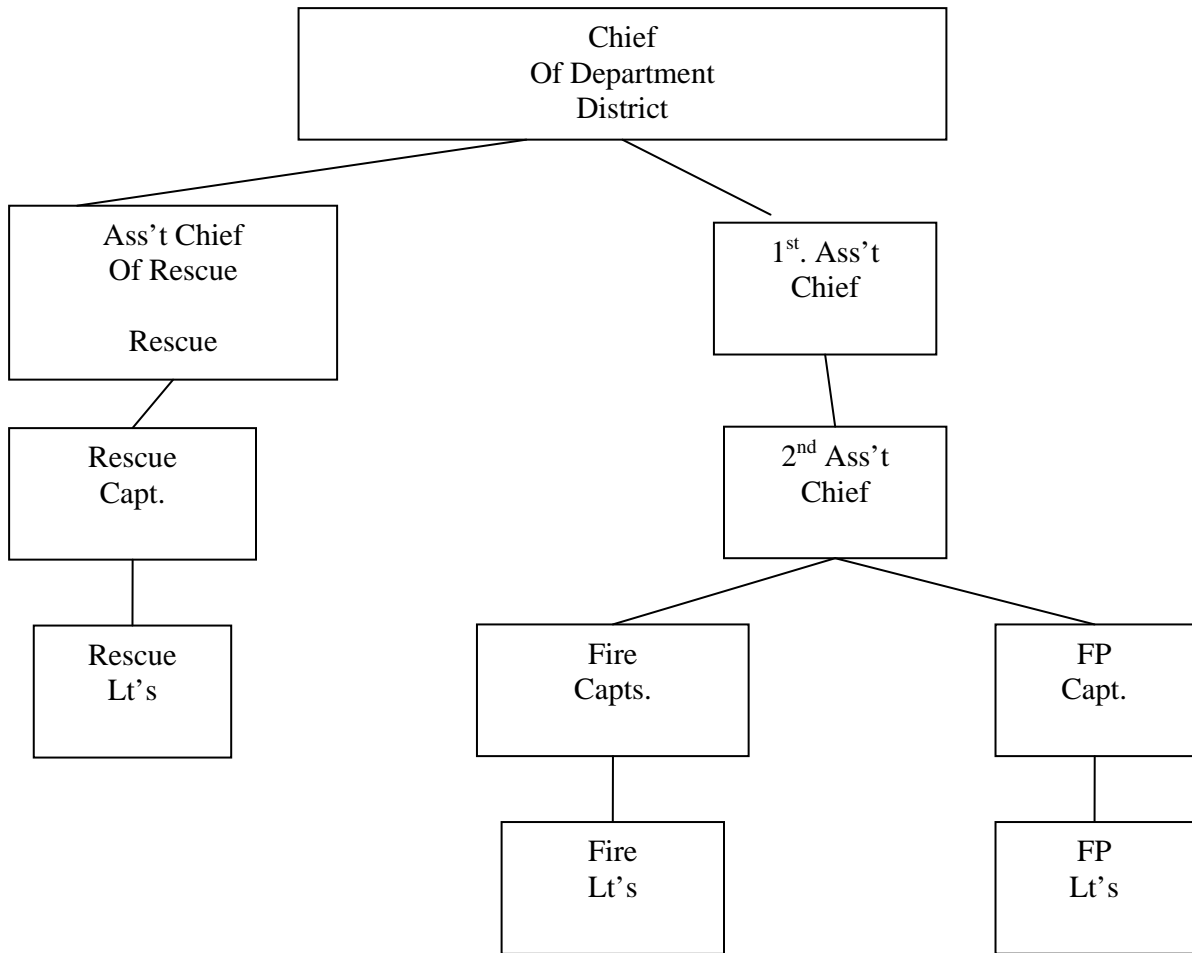
In the Matter of EMS Calls:

- The Rescue Chief is in Charge
- In the absence of the Rescue Chief, the ranking Rescue Captain is in charge
- In the absence of the Rescue Captain, the first arriving Rescue Lieutenant is in charge.
- In the absence of a Rescue Lieutenant the Senior EMT on the Scene is in charge
- In the absence of a Senior EMT, the ranking Fire Chief or Officer is in charge.

In the Matter of Auto Accidents with NO Patient Contact – See Fire Calls (above)

In the Matter of Rescue Calls (including Auto Accidents, technical rescue, ice rescue, collapse, searches, etc.):

- The Ranking District Chief (Excluding the Rescue Chief) is in Charge
- In the Absence of a District Chief Officer, the Ranking Fire Line Office is in charge.
- In the absence of a Ranking Fire Officer the Rescue Chief or Ranking Rescue Officer is in charge



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EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICERS

The following courses or district approved equivalents are required to be appointed to the following positions:

Before becoming Second Lieutenant:

- 1) Must have three (3) years of fire experience in a Fire District
- 2) A) Firefighter I **OR**
 B) Basic Firefighter and Intermediate Firefighter and Hazardous Material First Responder Operations **OR**
 C) Firefighting essentials and Initial Fire Attack and Firefighter Safety & Survival and Fire Behavior Arson Awareness and Hazardous Material First Responder Operations
- 3) Basic Wildland Fire Suppression
- 4) CPR (must maintain certification)
- 5) NIMS 700
- 6) Apparatus Operator – Pump
- 7) Emergency Vehicle Operators Course

Before becoming First Lieutenant:

- 1) A) Must have four (4) years of fire experience in a Fire District with at least two (2) years in Union Vale
B) Must be at least twenty-one (21) years old
- 2) Introduction to Fire Officer
- 3) Accident Victim Extrication Training
- 4) Firefighter II
- 5) Principles of Building Construction: Combustible

Before becoming Captain:

- 1) Must have fire (5) years of fire experience in a Fire District with at least two (2) years in Union Vale
- 2) Incident Safety Officer **OR** Health and Safety Officer
- 3) Fire Officer I
- 4) Live Fire Training (1A)
- 5) Conducting Live Fire Evolutions (1B)

Before becoming Assistant Chief:

- 1) Must have seven (7) years of fire experience in a Fire District with at least four (4) years in Union Vale
- 2) Legal Issues in the Volunteer Fire Service
- 3) Principles of Fire Investigation
- 4) Additional Incident Command Classes **OR** Tactical Classes **OR** Conferences

Before becoming Chief:

- 1) A) Must have nine (9) years of fire experience in a Fire District with at least six (6) years in Union Vale
B) Must have been an Assistant Chief in Union Vale

After becoming Chief:

- 1) There is a term limit of five (5) years consecutive
- 2) Once you have lost an election or stepped down you must wait three (3) years and can only return as Assistant Chief

Before becoming Rescue Lieutenant:

- 1) A) Must have three (3) years of rescue experience in a Fire District or Rescue Squad with at least two (2) years in Union Vale Rescue Squad
B) Must be at least twenty-one (21) years old
- 2) Emergency Medical Technician (must maintain certification)
- 3) Scene Support Operations or equivalent like Firefighter I
- 4) Accident Victim Extrication Training
- 5) Hazardous Material Awareness & Operations
- 6) Emergency Vehicle Operators Course
- 7) NIMS 700

Before becoming Rescue Captain:

- 1) Must have five (5) years of rescue experience in a Fire District or Rescue Squad with at least two (2) years in Union Vale Rescue Squad
- 2) Incident Safety Officer **OR** Health and Safety Officer
- 3) Introduction to Fire Officer
- 4) REHAB Training

Before becoming Rescue Chief:

- 1) Must have seven (7) years of rescue experience in a Fire District or Rescue Squad with at least three (3) years in Union Vale Rescue Squad
- 2) Legal Issues in the Volunteer Fire Service
- 3) Fire Officer I

The Union Vale Fire District Board of Commissioners reserves the right to determine if an alternative class not conducted by New York State is an acceptable equivalent to the courses listed above. The District will make that decision based on the curriculum of the class.

Continuing Education is strongly recommended and we encourage all officers to go to training classes, conferences and seminars for the best interest of the department.

These requirements are to take effect in June 24, 2010. Current Officers will be grandfathered at their current level; if they wish to move to a different position they must meet the above requirements. It is recommended Company Officers follow the progression listed to complete the courses. The final decision for Chief Officers will be at the discretion of the Board of Fire Commissioners.