

**City of Winter Park Fire-Rescue  
Standard Operating Guideline**

**140.01**

**Title: Incident Safety Officer**

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**Purpose:** To established a guideline for the utilization and deployment of an Incident Safety Officer.

**Scope:** This guideline is to be followed by all personnel in the Department, with particular attention being made to it by any and all Incident Commanders. Deviation from this guideline rests with the Battalion Chiefs (or Shift Commanders) or higher within the organization.

**General:** The following guideline is established to better protect the safety of Department personnel while performing their duties on emergency scenes. While this guideline sets certain parameters for establishing and assigning an Incident Safety Officer, discretion must be used for those issues not directly covered in this guideline. At any time, an Incident Commander may request additional personnel in order to have an Incident Safety Officer on the scene of an emergency call.

While the EMS / Supervisor is the initial, default Incident Safety Officer deployed for emergency scenes, there might be times when this person is not available for response or is needed for emergency medical functions. Incident Commanders must remain vigilant to this fact and ask for additional staffing accordingly to meet this guideline. All Staff Officers are trained and certified to act as Incident Safety Officers.

**140.01.01. Scenes Requiring an Incident Safety Officer:**

The following is a basic list of emergency scenes requiring an Incident Safety Officer. It is at the discretion of the Incident Commander to request and deploy an Incident Safety Officer on emergency scenes not listed herein.

- Structure Fires
- Vehicle Fires with Exposures
- Hazardous Materials responses where zones are established
- Vehicle Crashes requiring extrication
- Responses within the Technical Rescue category
- WMD responses

**140.01.02. Training Criteria:**

The current training criteria accepted and utilized by the Department is the Incident Safety Officer curriculum provided by the National Fire Academy. This is a 16-hour course.

It shall be within the discretion of the Department to change said training criteria with an equal or better program if available.