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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to identify the permitted smoking areas in the St. Clair Township, New Miami Life Squad Facility and identify the expected conduct of department members related to smoking while on duty.

2.0 SCOPE

2.1 APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all members of the St. Clair Township – New Miami Life Squad

2.2 RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of individual squad members to follow this policy in it's entirety. It is the responsibility of all squad officers to enforce this policy.

3.0 DEFINITION OF TERMS


No new terms are necessary for this policy

4.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

There are no reference documents necessary for this policy

5.0 EQUIPMENT USED

No equipment is used to comply with this policy

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6.0 SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Smoking is a habit that involves utilization of flammable materials. Members choosing to smoke should use extra caution to ensure that all flammable materials are never left unattended, and all flammable materials shall be suitably extinguished prior to leaving the smoking area. Members are also cautioned that smoking carries a significant health risk that should not be ignored.

7.0 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

There are no special requirements related to this policy

8.0 POLICY

8.1 INSIDE SMOKING AREA

Due to repeated issues with the control of smoking related materials in the facility, and the problems that continue to recur because of improperly disposed of smoking residue and paraphernalia, the designated smoking area has been moved to the apparatus bay. Smoking is only permitted in the marked smoking area indicated by the tape on the apparatus floor.


It should be noted that the facility is considered a public building, and in general, all public buildings are expected to be non-smoking. Permission to smoke anywhere in the facility should be considered a privilege that may be revoked if this policy is not followed by all members.

8.2 OUTSIDE SMOKING AREA

Members may smoke outside the facility wherever desired provided all other conditions of this policy are met.

8.3 DISPOSAL OF SMOKING BYPRODUCTS

All non-consumed smoking byproducts such as ashes and butts shall be disposed of in the ash cans provided. Members shall take extra care to ensure that flammable materials are extinguished prior to disposal. Disposal by placing in the regular trash, or by dropping on the floor or ground will not be tolerated.

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8.4 SMOKING ON DUTY

Members may smoke while on duty provided that at no time does the member smoke in front of a patient, the patients relatives, or while in the performance of his or her required duties.

Members may smoke in uniform while not at the facility provided discretion is used. Remember that the general public looks to us as examples. Smoking is not an example of healthy behavior.

At no time, shall a member smoke during the course of a run. Smoking is prohibited from the time of dispatch until the time in-service. The only exception to this directive is the case of a fire ground standby. Members not actively involved in rehab duties may excuse themselves from public view for brief periods to smoke if necessary. If at any time, medical care is required to be provided above and beyond rehab, smoking becomes prohibited as per the directive above.

9.0 DOCUMENTATION

Officers or other members are expected to document non-compliance with this policy by using the standard department complaint procedure.