



PREFACE

Dauphin Island Fire Rescue (DIFR) proudly operates as a combination department utilizing volunteer and career emergency personnel. DIFR provides a variety of emergency and non-emergency services to the residents and visitors of Dauphin Island. These services include fire suppression, fire prevention, public safety education programs, rescue, hazardous materials first response, and emergency medical response.

The organization's rules, policies, and guidelines are developed and continually revised to guide all personnel in the performance of their assigned duties. They address and document organizational structure, personnel roles and responsibilities, administrative functions, emergency operations, standing orders and programs, and other related DIFR issues. These rules, policies, and guidelines serve as the basis for general rules of conduct expected of all personnel and inform them of the directions their actions should follow in most instances. All DIFR personnel should familiarize themselves with these guidelines, paying particular attention to those that address the duties and responsibilities of his/her position within the organization.

All rules, policies, and guidelines implemented by DIFR are in good faith and designed to maintain consistency, efficiency, and standardization throughout the organization and provide a safe working environment for all personnel. All guidelines attempt to support all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to an organized fire service agency.

It is understood and expected that there may not be a written guide or directive to address every situation faced by DIFR personnel. Unforeseen situations may require personnel to act without guidance from rules, policies, guidelines, or direct orders. Faced with these situations, personnel will be forced to make prudent decisions based on their fire service experience and current level of training. However, all personnel will be held responsible for initiating or participating in any action that is grossly negligent, contrary to their current level of training, or performed without due regard for the safety of the public, members, or themselves.