

**500.1 SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION AND POLICY**

:1 OBJECTIVE:

Provision of fire loss management by the prevention and/or extinguishment of fires and performance of emergency medical rescue services and other related emergency response to manmade or natural incidents, with a systematic approach.

:2 AUTHORITY:

This procedure amended by City Council March 22, 2004, Item A6.

:3 DIRECTION:

Fire Chief, as an appointed official, serves at the pleasure of, and receives direction from the Mayor or the Mayor's designee.

:4 FUNCTIONS:

- A. Initiates programs and actions for the prevention of fires through fire inspections, fire investigations, enforcement of Fire Codes, and public education programs.
- B. Provides emergency medical services for both basic and advanced life support measures to victims of accident/injury or sudden illness.
- C. Coordinates all emergency management functions and planning for the City of Orlando; and assists in City homeland security.
- D. Provides for emergency mitigation planning and crisis management of natural and man-made disasters.
- E. Provides service delivery for suppression and maintenance of city's ISO rating.
- F. Operates and maintains a Fire Department emergency communications network (911).
- G. Operates and maintains fire fighting vehicles, apparatus, tools and accessories.
- H. Provides well-trained specialized response teams and services, i.e., hazmat, water rescue, high angle, below grade rescue, technical rescue and arson/bomb investigation and USAR Florida Regional team response.
- I. Provides overall responsibility of fixed facilities, motorized equipment, and equipment and tools. Recommends to the Fleet Management Bureau replacement of vehicles and emergency apparatus.

:5 FORMS:

None

:6 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:

Director of Disaster Operations Committee for the City of Orlando; City Operations Committee.

:7 REFERENCE:

City Council minutes of 1883. Fire Prevention Code adopted by City of Orlando Code, Chapter 24. This procedure adopted February 17, 1969, Item 45; amended by City Council June 23, 1975, Item 20; amended June 24, 1985, Item 7(A-11); amended April 19, 1993, Item VV; amended May 16, 1994, Item GGG; amended September 15, 2003; amended March 22, 2004, Item A6.

:8 EFFECTIVE DATE:

This procedure effective March 22, 2004.