

# Lincoln County Fire and Rescue Association

## Standard Operating Guideline (SOG)

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Title: Injury or death of an Emergency Responder during an incident.

**Purpose:** To insure that the proper legal and financial issues are addressed in the event of a Fire or Rescue member death or injury.

### **Department IC Responsibility:** *(Firefighter Injury):*

1. Provide adequate treatment for the member.
  - a. Transport firefighter if needed.
  - b. If time permits transport firefighter with Treatment Authorization Form.
  - c. Save all treatment and transportation receipts.
2. Contact the Lincoln County Fire Marshals Office immediately.
3. Contact Workers Comp to report incident within *24 hours of the incident*.
4. Secure ALL Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including SCBA for inspection by OSHA and insurance provider.
5. Stabilize and Isolate the injury site.
6. Document conditions and collect statements from witnesses.
7. Contact any supplemental insurance agency(s) established through the department.
8. Provide for the moral and emotional support of affected members and family.
9. Any on-the-job accident or illness requiring three or more employees to be hospitalized or that causes a fatality must be reported to the OSH Division within eight hours after it occurs or the employer can be fined up to \$7,000.

### **Department IC Responsibility (Firefighter Death):**

1. In the case of a Firefighter Death contact the Lincoln County Fire Marshal's Office immediately.
2. Contact OSFM @ 1-800-634-7854 (24 Hour Line). A response team consisting of two OSFM personnel can be at your station within 24 hours.
  - i. See: [http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/FireAndRescueCommission/Documents/LODD\\_Checklist.doc](http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/FireAndRescueCommission/Documents/LODD_Checklist.doc)
  - ii. See: [http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/FireAndRescueCommission/Documents/Initial\\_Notification\\_Form.doc](http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/FireAndRescueCommission/Documents/Initial_Notification_Form.doc)
3. Contact NCDOL @ **1-800-625-2267** or **(919) 807-2796** during normal working hours. After hours, call the State Capitol Police at **(919) 733-3333**.
4. Contact Appropriate Law Enforcement Agency.
5. Contact Workers Comp to report incident within *24 hours of the incident*.
6. Secure ALL Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including SCBA for inspection by OSHA and insurance provider.
7. Stabilize and Isolate the injury/fatality site.
8. Document conditions and collect statements from witnesses.
9. Contact any supplemental insurance agency(s) established through the department.
10. Provide for the moral and emotional support of affected members and family.

### **Lincoln County Responsibility:**

1. Fire Marshal's Office shall send a senior member to the incident scene.
2. Fire Marshal's Office to act as a liaison between the department and the county.
3. Payment of expenses for the member/employee through worker's compensation when confirmation has been established of injury/death while serving in the capacity as a county contracted fire or rescue responder.