

The Board of Fire Commissioners shall maintain a comprehensive occupation safety and health program based upon sound engineering, education and enforcement for Board personnel whose duties and functions require use of respiratory protection. The Board further finds that inherent in maintaining this Program is to assist personnel in the use and care of respiratory protection equipment. The New Jersey Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act (PEOSHA) adopted standards established under 29 CFR 1910.134 (OSHA) relative to respiratory protection. The Program shall include, at a minimum, standard operating procedures, training, respirator fitting, inspection, storage, maintenance, medical evaluation, record keeping and program evaluation.

The Board shall designate the District Safety Officer(s) for implementation and enforcement of the Respiratory Protection Program. The individual(s) so designated shall have responsibility for all facets of the Program and shall have full authority to make necessary decisions to ensure success of the Program and its intent and purpose. The Safety Officer(s) shall develop written detailed instructions covering each of the basic elements in the Program, and is authorized to amend the instructions when necessary.

The Board shall enact Rules and Regulations, Procedures or Guidelines and Directives to implement or otherwise effectuate the purpose and intent of this Policy and Federal, State and local laws, and Rules, Regulations, Procedures, Guidelines or Directives promulgated thereto, as amended, which were enacted to insure or supplement the intent and purpose of this Policy. Said Rules and Regulations, Procedures or Guidelines and Directives may be amended or supplemented by the Board as it deems necessary.

This Policy does not modify existing Board Policies, Procedures, Guidelines, Rules, Regulations or Directives and shall be read and construed in conjunction with other Board Policies, Procedures, Guidelines, Rules, Regulations or Directives so that any inconsistencies or ambiguities in this Policy may be resolved by referencing other Board Policies, Procedures, Guidelines, Rules, Regulations or Directives. Any interpretation as to the meaning of this Policy shall not be contrary to Federal, State or local laws, or contrary to or inconsistent with the mandated charge of the Board. If any provision paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase set forth in this Policy is for any reason held or determined to be unconstitutional or invalid, same shall not affect the remainder of this Policy.

Legal References: 29 CFR 1910.134
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1st Reading:

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2nd Reading: