



# Fire Protection Training

Procedures Handbook 4300

FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM

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**TOPIC:** Fire Department Prevention Codes, Ordinances and Regulations

**TIME FRAME:** 1:00

**LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION:** Level I

**BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE:**

*Condition:* A written quiz

*Behavior:* The student will list and describe codes, ordinances, and regulations that affect fire department activities.

*Standard:* With a minimum of 80% accuracy

**MATERIALS NEEDED:**

- California Laws Relating To Fires and Fire Fighters, local, county, city, state or district codes, ordinances and regulations

**REFERENCES:**

- IFSTA, Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement, 5th Edition, Chapter 1
- California Laws Relating To Fires And Fire Fighters, Office of State Fire Marshal.
- CA Title 19/24
- Local codes and ordinances

**PREPARATION:** Codes, ordinances, and regulations at various governmental levels affect the activities of the fire department. Many of the codes regulate the fire department's responsibility and authority. Others may regulate how a fire department conducts its operations in fire suppression and general fire protection services. To comply with these there must be a basic understanding of the regulatory system.



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PRESENTATION	APPLICATION
<p><b>I. CODES, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS THAT AFFECT FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES ARE ADOPTED AT VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL LEVELS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Federal</li><li>B. State</li><li>C. County</li><li>D. City or town</li><li>E. District</li><li>F. Model codes</li></ul> <p><b>II. FEDERAL LEVEL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Safety in the workplace for employees</li></ul></li><li>B. Department of Transportation (DOT) Regulations</li><li>C. Generally fire personnel do not enforce federal regulations, but with knowledge of these requirements, can report violations to the proper authorities</li></ul> <p><b>III. STATE LEVEL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. California constitution<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Funding of fire departments</li><li>2. Personnel hiring practices</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>What are some examples of federal regulations that affect the fire department?</p> <p>Instructor Note: Have students identify some state level codes, ordinances, regulations and their impacts on the fire service.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>B. Business and professional Code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Safety for employees</li><li>2. Use of hazardous materials</li></ul></li><li>C. Civil code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Fire fighter safety</li><li>2. Assault on or hampering fire fighters</li></ul></li><li>D. Civil Procedures code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Operation of the fire department</li><li>2. Issuing of warrants</li></ul></li><li>E. Education Code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Training of fire personnel</li></ul></li><li>F. Election code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Governing bodies of fire departments</li></ul></li><li>G. Evidence code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Fire investigation procedures</li><li>2. Use of witnesses</li></ul></li><li>H. Fish and Game code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Fire hazard closures</li></ul></li><li>I. Food and Agricultural Code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Use of pesticides</li><li>2. Labeling of hazardous materials</li></ul></li><li>J. Government code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Formation of fire departments</li><li>2. Administration of fire departments</li><li>3. Funding of fire departments</li><li>4. Insurance of fire departments</li><li>5. Representation of personnel by unions or associations</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>Give and ask for examples</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>6. Retirement systems</li><li>7. Employee benefits</li><li>8. Department recordkeeping</li><li>9. Pipeline safety</li><li>K. Harbors and Navigation code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Operations in harbors and water ways</li><li>2. Hazardous materials in waterways or bodies of water</li></ul></li><li>L. Health and Safety code -<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Fire prevention inspections</li><li>2. Life safety</li><li>3. Building construction<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. State electrical code</li></ul></li><li>4. Public Safety<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Fire extinguisher regulations</li><li>b. Fireworks</li><li>c. Fire protection systems</li><li>d. Flame retardant application</li></ul></li><li>5. Personnel safety</li><li>6. Hazardous materials</li><li>7. Coordination/Regulation of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)</li><li>8. Vehicle uses and safety</li></ul></li><li>M. Insurance Code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Investigation of fires</li><li>2. Insurance for employees</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>What are some of the ways the Health and Safety Code affects fire departments?</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>N. Labor Code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Employee benefits</li><li>2. Employee working conditions</li><li>3. Workplace safety</li></ul></li><li>O. Military and Veterans Code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Use of facilities during emergencies</li></ul></li><li>P. Penal Code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Peace officer status</li><li>2. Arrests by fire personnel</li><li>3. Investigations</li></ul></li><li>Q. Public Resources code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Hazardous materials</li><li>2. Operations on wildland fires</li><li>3. Fire closures</li></ul></li><li>R. Public Utilities code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Use of water</li><li>2. Radioactive material transportation</li></ul></li><li>S. Revenue and Taxation code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Funding</li></ul></li><li>T. Streets and Highways code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Emergency 911 signs</li><li>2. Emergency call boxes</li></ul></li><li>U. Unemployment Insurance code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Employee benefits</li></ul></li><li>V. Vehicle code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Emergency vehicle operation</li><li>2. Hazardous materials transportation</li><li>3. Inspections of vehicles</li></ul></li><li>W. Water code</li></ul>	





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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. May be adopted at various levels<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Must be adopted within 180 days of state adoption</li></ul></li><li>B. May be amended after adoption</li><li>C. Usually updated on a regular basis</li><li>D. Some examples are:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Uniform Fire Code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Regulates activities within a building once constructed</li><li>b. Used primarily for fire inspections and allowable occupancy modifications</li></ul></li><li>2. Uniform building code<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Regulates building construction and occupancy during planning and construction</li><li>b. Building and safety regulations included</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>VII. DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Written/Approved by Chief</li><li>B. Establish policy, standard operating procedures and guidelines</li><li>C. Pertain to all aspects of the job<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Uniforms, grooming standards</li><li>2. Employee schedules</li><li>3. Employee conduct</li><li>4. Vehicle use and maintenance</li><li>5. Station duties</li><li>6. Emergency responses</li></ul></li><li>D. Pertain to Job Related Issues<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Substance abuse</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>What does the UFC govern?</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Sexual harassment</li><li>3. Discrimination</li><li>4. Progressive discipline</li></ul> <p><b>VIII. CONTRACT/MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Wages</li><li>B. Work hours</li><li>C. Benefits</li><li>D. Miscellaneous terms and conditions of employment</li></ul>	



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## ***SUMMARY:***

Since codes, ordinances and regulations are changed and updated often it is better for fire department personnel to have a general knowledge of the various topics contained in each code that affect the fire department. There is too much material to memorize and memorization may cause problems as codes are updated.

Fire department personnel should be familiar with all codes that affect the administration, and operation of their department.

## ***EVALUATION:***

A written quiz.

## ***ASSIGNMENT:***

To be determined by instructor(s).