# Falmouth Fire-EMS Operating Guideline

## Annual Incident Response Requirements

#### **Objective:**

To provide documentation of the minimum number of incidents attended or coverage provided to remain active as a member of Falmouth Fire-EMS Department.

## General Information:

Falmouth Fire-EMS is a predominantly on-call department. On-call responders help staff fire apparatus as well as ambulances. Each member must remain active in responding to calls so that the workload of the department is shared amongst all members. Failure to respond to incidents or provide coverage demonstrates a lack of commitment to the department.

There are three types of on-call members of the Falmouth Fire-EMS Department.

- 1.) On-Call firefighter or EMT residing in the Town of Falmouth.
- 2.) On-Call firefighter or EMT residing in the City of Portland on or North of Washington Avenue. These members are considered on-call members as they live close enough to respond to the stations for a fire or EMS call.
- 3.) EMS Providers who live outside of Falmouth (and do not live in the City of Portland on or North of Washington Avenue). These members do not live close enough to the stations to respond to fire or EMS calls but have been allowed to join in exchange for coverage provided at one of the stations.

## Guidelines:

#### General Response:

The following guidelines exist for annual (calendar year) response requirements to remain active:

- 1. All members who reside in the Town of Falmouth or in the City of Portland on or North of Washington Avenue must attend 10% of their assigned station's fire calls in a year. Call stats will be posted at each station throughout the year.
- All members who live outside of Falmouth (and do not live in the City of Portland on or North of Washington Avenue) must provide 24 hours of EMS coverage at Central Station each month. Coverage can be provided during daytime or night-time hours and will be scheduled through the

When to Work online scheduling system with permission from the Fire Chief.

3. Failure to attend the minimum amount of call responses or station coverage for the year constitutes grounds for dismissal from the department.

These guidelines may be changed or altered by the Fire Chief at any time.