

ROGUE VALLEY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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Purpose

To provide a model policy that establishes a uniform oath of position for members of the Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association to adopt and use within their agencies; where members commit to provide leadership and service by way of a standard to which our customers can measure performance.

Nothing in this model policy requires a member department to adopt this policy in whole or part. The intent of this model policy is to act as a guide and help facilitate the development of a formal process for taking an oath of position if a member department wishes to do so. A department should encourage involvement of all levels of membership in development of a formal oath process and not feel compelled to limit the scope to the examples provided.

Scope

This policy applies to all department members (recruits, firefighters, fire officers, support personnel and volunteers) engaged in providing direct emergency service delivery and to all elected/appointed fire department or district officials.

The Oath of Position will be initiated for all new department members upon completion of the badge pinning ceremony by the Fire Chief or his/her designee. The elected/appointed official oath will be initiated yearly by the appointed agency representative.

Members will stand, while raising his/her right hand, recites the Oath of Position.

OATHS

Elected/Appointed Official:

I, _____, being first duly sworn upon oath, do depose and say, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and Laws of the State of Oregon, and faithfully and impartially discharge and perform the duties of ____(agency name)____, according to the best of my ability, so help me god.

Fire Chief:

I, _____, as the Fire Chief of ____(agency name)____, swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Oregon; and

I will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of Fire Chief;

And I pledge to carry out the duties of Fire Chief to the best of my ability, and will honor and respect the mission, goals, purpose, and policies of ____(agency name)____;

And I pledge to promote and protect the best interest of ____(agency name)____ through fiscal responsibility, honesty, integrity and loyalty.

I will never allow personal feelings, nor danger to self, deter me from my responsibilities as Fire Chief;

I will at all times respect the property and rights of all men and women, the laws of my country, and the members I serve with;

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith and trust, and I accept so long as I am true to the ethics of the fire service;

I do solemnly swear that I have all of the qualifications required of my position and I accept this self-imposed and self-enforced obligation as my responsibility and make these promises so solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.

Fire Officer:

I, _____ do hereby declare, that I will support the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the State of Oregon, and the members I serve with;
and

As an officer of the (agency name) , my fundamental duty is to serve the people I swear to protect, to safeguard and preserve life, health, and property against fire and other perils;

As an Officer I will uphold the standards of my profession and position;

I will share my knowledge and skills with my colleagues and the firefighters I am assigned to lead;

I will never allow my personal feelings, nor danger to self, deter me from my responsibilities as a leader and as a firefighter;

I will lead my fire company to the best of my ability with fairness and with no prejudice;

I will at all times, respect the property and rights of all men and women, the laws of my country, and members I serve with;

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of Fire Department and public faith and trust, and I accept so long as I am true to the ethics of the fire service;

I will constantly strive to achieve the objectives and ideals that the fire service instills, dedicating myself to the saving of life, preventing and suppressing fires and performing other duties enacted and placed up to me;

As a member of the (agency name) , I accept this self-imposed and self-enforced obligation as my responsibility and make these promises so solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.

Firefighter:

I _____ do hereby declare, that I will support the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the State of Oregon, and;

As a member of the ____ (agency name) ____, my fundamental duty is to serve the people I swear to protect, to safeguard and preserve life, health, and property against fire and other perils;

I will uphold the standards of my profession, continually searching for new and improved methods of serving the people, and will share my knowledge and skill with my colleagues and descendants;

I will never allow my personal feelings, nor danger to self, deter me from my responsibilities as a firefighter;

I will at all times, respect the property and rights of all men and women, the laws of my country, and members I serve with;

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith and trust, and I accept so long as I am true to the ethics of the fire service;

I will constantly strive to achieve the objectives and ideals that the fire service instills, dedicating myself to the saving of life, preventing and suppressing fires and performing other duties enacted and placed up to me;

As a member of the ____ (agency name) ____, I accept this self-imposed and self-enforced obligation as my responsibility and make these promises so solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.