

EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

1. **PURPOSE:**

The East Greenbush Fire Company has established a 2 tag accountability system for keeping track of all of the firefighters while they are en route, on the scene, or returning from an incident. Each firefighter will have a "**on scene**" tag and a "**interior firefighter**" tag. (See definitions in later text).

It is the responsibility of each firefighter to keep track of and not lose their tags. The tags will be hooked to each individual's turnout coat until their use is needed. The I.D. numbers on each tag will correspond with their company issued gear number.

This accountability system will be used during all East Greenbush Fire Co. alarms and drills. This system will also be used during any mutual aid incident or drill. During mutual aid incidents or drills this accountability system can be modified for mutual aid use.

Personnel Accountability.

Accountability is directly related to supervision. It is the responsibility of **all company officers and command** to maintain a level of supervision that accounts for the location and function of all personnel at **every incident**.

Company officers will keep their crews intact, maintain a constant awareness of the working conditions and maintain a means of communication with the incident command system.

It will be the responsibility of **all individual firefighters and other personnel at the incident site** to keep the officers to which they are assigned, informed of their activities and whereabouts.

When working inside buildings during structural fire fighting, and while working in a confined space where there may be products of combustion, an oxygen-deficient atmosphere, toxic or hazardous materials, members shall be under the direct supervision of a suitably trained officer or experienced member and only operate in the "**Buddy System**", with a minimum of two people at all times.

This suitably trained officer or experienced member shall be responsible for maintaining communications with the incident commander. This will be accomplished by the use of two-way radio communication. Those members under his direct supervision are those who are within his sight and are considered to have visual communication with him.

The officer must have communication with the incident commander or designate who may dispatch a rescue team for emergency situations.

2. METHOD

Tags

This system requires the use of two color coded tags. Each tag will have the firefighters gear number stamped on the tag.

COLOR CODE:

FIRE GROUND SUPPORT PERSONNEL "ON SCENE" TAG:	WHITE ONLY
INTERIOR STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTERS TAG:	RED ONLY

Each member being issued turn out gear will be issued a **White** accountability tag.

After such time that the firefighter becomes qualified and authorized to wear and perform duties with self contained breathing apparatus, he will be issued a **Red** tag.

These tags are equipped with snaps and are designed to attach to the chest level coat buckle.

Every firefighter **shall** have his tag in place, on his gear, when not on duty, at **all times**.

"ON SCENE" TAGS

All firefighters will receive a "**on scene**" tag. This will be given to the officer in charge of the apparatus that you will be riding, before the apparatus leaves the station. The officer will then attach them to the apparatus tag ring and hang in the cab's designated location of that apparatus. Once the incident is over, the officer will confirm that all the firefighters that rode on that vehicle are returning with it. Once the apparatus is back in the station all firefighters that rode that vehicle will receive their "**on scene**" tag back

If a firefighter drives his/her private vehicle to the incident, they must go to their assigned apparatus and turn over their "**on scene**" tag to the apparatus operator.

"INTERIOR" TAGS

The red "**Interior**" tags are to be collected on or before the firefighter enters the building. **Only firefighters with red tags shall be permitted to enter the building for interior tactics.(i.e. search and rescue, initial fire attack etc.) THERE SHALL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.** When the firefighter exits the building his tag will be returned to him. If it is necessary for the firefighter to report to **REHABILITATION**, he shall turn his red tag over to the **REHAB** officer. The firefighter shall stay in rehab until released by the **REHAB** officer. When the atmospheric conditions exist that the use of **S.C.B.A.** is no longer required, then, and only then will fire ground support personnel be allowed to enter the building for purposes such as overhaul.

"PASS" DEVICES

All **PASS** devices **must** be turned to the on position when operating inside the building. Should a firefighter become lost or injured, he shall immediately turn the **PASS** unit to the distress position to activate the alarm.

FIRE POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

All fire police will have an **"ON SCENE"** tag. Once a fire police member is on the scene he/she will contact the senior fire police officer or member and advise them of their tag number and location at the scene. If the incident commander deems it necessary to have this information the incident commander will contact the senior officer or member for this info. When a fire police member is leaving the scene he/she must advise the senior officer or member of the squad.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

The **"ALL OUT"** signal shall be sounded in a timely manner using one long blast from an apparatus air horn. This signal shall be used when such conditions exist that the safety and welfare of the personnel operating at an incident is at risk.

When evacuating under **"ALL OUT"** conditions, the officer will immediately gather his personnel and retreat as quickly as possible. Once in a safe area, that officer will conduct a roll call of all personnel assigned to his supervision. The officer will then report to the incident commander.(i.e. accounted for or missing firefighters).

The incident commander will be responsible for confirming that all personnel at the scene of the incident have been accounted for.