CARVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guidelines

Section 1.02 – Intro to Standard Operating Guidelines **June 15, 2013**

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to officially establish our Standard Operating Guidelines in accordance with the Authority provided in Standard Operating Guideline 1.01. This document has as its foundation the "Organizational Guidelines for the Carver Fire Department" established in October, 1995 and amended several times. That document is hereby included and made a part of these Standard Operation Guidelines as Appendix Item 8.01.

1.1 SCOPE

Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) will be developed and issued as necessary to establish standardized operational procedures for the Carver Fire Department. These SOG's shall be the official operating Guidelines of this department.

1.2 GENERAL

01. Standard Operating Guidelines are a set of organizational directives that establish a standard course of action that apply to fire department operations. Specifically, SOG's develop a process for administrative, operational, and procedural functions that are known and understood by all members.

02. Department Officers and Incident Commanders shall exercise their best judgment when implementing SOG's. At times, there may be are variables which may influence how we function at an incident, and the Incident Commander has the authority to deviate from SOG as long as the action taken can be justified. However, Officers and Incident Commanders may be held accountable for not following and enforcing SOG's.

03. Officers and Incident Commanders shall exercise their best judgment in situations not covered by these Standard Operating Guidelines.

04. Any Department member may formulate an SOG. All SOG's will be reviewed and approved by the Chief of the Department. All SOG's will be based on nationally accepted standards and practices where applicable.

05. There will be a printed copy of the Standard Operation Guidelines at each fire station and an electronic version on each fire station computer system.