

**DENVER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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**Topic: Firefighter Return to Active Suppression Program**

**PURPOSE:** Firefighter Return to Active Suppression Program.

**SCOPE:** This policy is designed to help firefighters who have been out of active suppression for more than 24 months re-assimilate into the suppression environment safely. These steps must be completed prior to reentry into active suppression. There are several steps and it is the responsibility of the returning firefighter to work with the specified divisions to ensure all steps have been completed.

Members may initiate the return to suppression program up to 8 weeks prior to their anticipated transfer date. At a minimum, members shall initiate the program 21 days prior to their anticipated transfer date. Should the transfer date fall within the 21 days before a transfer, the member shall initiate the program as soon as they become aware or should have been aware of the transfer.

**PHYSICAL EVALUATION TEST**

COMPLETE THE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION TEST - Firefighters returning to the Operations Division are required to complete the physical evaluation test. If this test was successfully completed within the last calendar year, it will not be required. This test will be performed at the Safety and Training Division by the Health and Wellness staff.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

1. **INSPECTION OF PPE** - Firefighters will be required to have all of their personal protective equipment inspected by the Safety and Training Division. Members shall bring their helmet, gloves, hood, and turnout gear for inspection. Staff of the Safety and Training Division will inspect all PPE to ensure that it is safe to return to suppression and that all safety equipment is within specified dates. PPE that is determined to be unserviceable shall be replaced prior to reassignment to the Operations Division.
2. **SCBA FIT TEST/ SAFETY INSPECTION** - Firefighters shall report to Fleet Management for fit testing and safety inspection of their SCBA mask.
3. **HOOD REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES** - Firefighters returning to active suppression should be aware that in an effort to prevent cancer and exposure to toxins, they are required to exchange hoods used during fire suppression with clean hoods. These hoods are available from the Assistant Chief at the fire scene.

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**SCBA OPERATIONS**

Members shall review the operating procedures of the SCBA. The staff of the Safety and Training Division will work with the firefighter to ensure that they understand and can safely perform the following, prior to being assigned to suppression:

1. Operation of the SCBA
2. Safe filling procedures of the SCBA bottles
3. Proper donning technique
4. Use of the Buddy Breather system

**REVIEW SOGs AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES**

REVIEW PERTINENT SOGs AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES - Firefighters shall review and be familiar with all SOGs and Department Directives that apply to operating within active suppression. These SOGs and Department Directives will be provided to the firefighter by the Administration Division. It is the responsibility of the returning firefighter to be familiar with and understand specified SOGs and Department Directives.

**SUPPRESSION EVOLUTIONS**

FAMILIARIZATION AND THE COMPLETION OF SUPPRESSION EVOLUTIONS – It is of critical importance that firefighters returning to suppression are able to safely function and perform the basic tasks and evolutions needed on the fire ground. Firefighters shall report to the Safety and Training Division and review the proper procedures, and successfully perform the following evolutions:

1. Secure the water supply using a Humat valve
2. Force a door using a forcible entry prop
3. Start a saw and perform a roof ventilation
4. Review search and rescue
5. Review RIT procedures

**INCIDENT COMMAND AND RADIO**

1. INCIDENT COMMAND - Firefighters shall work with the Shift Commander/Red Chief to review and understand the Incident Command System.
2. RADIO PROCEDURES - Firefighters shall work with the Shift Commander/Red Chief to review and understand radio procedures. Firefighters shall be familiar with the following:

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- a. The radio channel lineup
- b. Use of the radio
- c. How to perform a Mayday

**TECHNOLOGY REVIEW**

**FAMILIARIZATION WITH TECHNOLOGY** - Firefighters shall work with Shift Commander/Red Chief to ensure they are familiar with procedures commonly used in the firehouse to be effective when they return to active suppression. Firefighters shall be familiar with and understand the following:

1. Know all pertinent passwords
2. Know how to access Department email
3. Know how to access and use TeleStaff
4. Know how to access and use Kronos
5. Review procedures on completing NFIRS

**OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW**

**MOBILE DATA TERMINAL** - Officers shall work with the Shift Commander/Red Chief to review and understand the proper operation of the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT).

1. **BASIC OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY** - Officers shall work with the Shift Commander/Red Chief to understand their work expectations and responsibilities.
2. **SIZE UP/ COMMAND** - Officers shall work with the Shift Commander/Red Chief to understand how to properly size up an emergency incident and assume command. Officers shall be able to demonstrate proficiency in this area to the Shift Commander/Red Chief.

**ENGINEERS/ACTING ENGINEERS RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW**

1. **56-POINT CHECK** - Engineers/Acting Engineers shall work with the Department Driving Coordinator to review the proper procedures in completing a 56-point check. Engineers shall also be familiar with the proper procedures in entering the check on the Department computer.
2. **ENGINE OPERATIONS** - Engineers/Acting Engineers shall work with the Department Driving Coordinator to demonstrate proficiency in engine operations. This shall include following:

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- a. Securing a water supply
  - b. Performing 2 hydraulic problems
  - c. Proficiently executing pump operations
3. **AERIAL OPERATIONS** - Engineers/Acting Engineers shall work with the Department Driving Coordinator to demonstrate proficiency in aerial operations. This shall include the following:
- a. Safely spotting the aerial apparatus
  - b. Deploying the aerial apparatus
  - c. Proficiently executing operations to a roof
  - d. Proficiently executing operations to a window

**SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION**

**SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION** - Upon the successful completion of the program, firefighters shall deliver the completed sign off sheet to the Administration Division to be included as part of their permanent work record. The Administration Division shall notify the firefighter and Shift Commander/Red Chief of successful completion of the program and approval to return to suppression.