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**2.20.010: CREATION**

- A. There is created a fire department to be known as the Millville City fire department.
- B. The city may contract, with council approval, with other entities for its fire protection. Such contractor shall have the same duties and rights as the city fire department. (Prior code § 10-111)

**2.20.020: CREATION OF POSITION OF CHIEF**

There is created the position of chief of the fire department. (Prior code § 10-121)

## **2.20.030: POWERS AND DUTIES OF CHIEF**

- A. The chief shall have responsibility for the general supervision of the department.
- B. During a fire, the chief shall have full authority to take all measures as he or she shall deem necessary, subject to state law, to control and extinguish the fire and for that purpose he or she is made a special peace officer.
- C. The chief shall at least quarterly report to the governing body the condition of the fire equipment, the number of fires and their causes and the estimated loss therefrom together with such other information as the governing body may request or as he or she shall deem appropriate.
- D. The chief shall strictly enforce all of the provisions of the ordinances of this municipality relating to the protection against and prevention of fire.
- E. The chief shall maintain the equipment of the department in good repair and order and ready for use.
- F. The chief, subject to the approval of the mayor and governing body, shall establish rules and regulations for the operation of the department.
- G. The chief may delegate his or her duties to any person employed by the department, but such delegation shall not relieve the chief of his or her responsibility for the performance thereof.
- H. The chief shall cause all fires to be promptly investigated to determine the cause of the fire and report the cause of the fire, the time originated and such other information as may be relevant to prevent other fires. (Prior code § 10-122)

## **2.20.040: EMPLOYEES**

The chief may make recommendations to the mayor relating to the employment of firefighters and such other personnel as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this chapter. The chief may employ such additional personnel as the mayor and governing body may direct or authorize. (Prior code § 10-123)

### **2.20.050: EMERGENCY VEHICLES**

Fire trucks are designated authorized emergency vehicles. (Prior code § 10-131)

### **2.20.060: REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS AT FIRE**

The officer in charge at any fire may order the removal or destruction of any fence, building or structure, or that any utility be closed, cut or removed when deemed necessary to control, extinguish or prevent the spread of fire. (Prior code § 10-132)

### **2.20.070: CONTROL OF PERSONS**

All persons present at a fire shall obey the orders of any firefighters. (Prior code § 10-133)

### **2.20.080: UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WITH OFFICERS, APPARATUS, WATER, ETC.**

Any person who shall wilfully hinder any police officer or firefighter in the discharge of his or her duty at a fire, or in any manner injure, deface or destroy any engine, hose or other fire apparatus belonging to the municipality, or who shall interfere with any fire company or person, or who shall wilfully break or injure any water pipe, or interfere with the water or its source of supply shall be deemed guilty of a class B misdemeanor and shall be punished accordingly. (Ord. 2000-7 § 2)

### **2.20.090: INVESTIGATION AFTER FIRE REPORT**

The chief, or such other persons as he or she shall designate, shall, after extinguishing a fire, make a prompt and thorough investigation of the cause of the fire, the time the fire began, the amount of loss and insurance, a description of the affected buildings and premises, and shall secure all other useful information available, and record the same in a record book kept for that purpose in the office of the department and shall report the same to the governing body at such time as it may direct. (Prior code § 10-136)

### **2.20.100: PERSONS PRESENT AT FIRE SUBJECT TO ORDERS**

Every person eighteen (18) years or older present at a fire shall be subject to the orders of the officer in command and shall render assistance in the manner directed by the officer in command. (2001 Code: prior code § 10-138)

### **2.20.110: FALSE ALARM**

It is unlawful for any person to turn in or report to the fire department a false alarm or report of a fire or to tamper or remove any part of the fire alarm system. (Prior code § 10-139)