Loudoun County
Fire and Rescue System Guideline

Subject: Priorities from Meadowood Investigation

Purpose: To establish priorities for Safety and Health Committee Review of Meadowood Fire Investigation.

Guideline:

1. The Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Commission has received and reviewed the Significant Injury Investigative Report, 23238 Meadowood Court, May 25, 2008 dated September 2008. The report makes numerous recommendations designed to improve the safety of fire and rescue operations in Loudoun County.

2. The Commission hereby directs the Safety and Health Committee to conduct a review of the report's recommendations and to develop a plan for integrating the recommendations into our system operations. The Committee is encouraged to use the resources of the EMS and Fire Councils, the Loudoun Career Firefighters Association, volunteer fire and rescue companies, and career and volunteer members of the system in the review and discussion of the report. The Commission requests a monthly progress review from the Committee and as the Committee’s recommendations are ready for consideration for adoption, they will be placed on the Commission’s agenda.

3. In order to guide the Committee’s initial work, the Commission has identified the following seven priorities from the report and requests that the Committee conduct an immediate 60-day review to develop recommendations for corrective actions. The priorities are as follows:
• Recommendation 7 – Two-in, Two-out Procedures
• Recommendation 19 – Personnel Accountability
• Recommendation 20 – ECC Gap Analysis
• Recommendation 2 – Arrival Sequence
• Recommendation 14 – Emergency Evacuation
• Recommendation 26 – Add-on Policy / Diversions
• Recommendation 10 – Mayday Training

4. The Commission remains interested in the prompt review and adoption of a system respiratory protection manual. This activity a Committee priority prior to the completion of the investigation and was a principal recommendation from the review. The Commission also requests that this review receive the Committee's prompt attention.