

Policy: **Water Supply**

Purpose: To establish a guideline to insure an uninterrupted water supply on incidents, where water is essential in the control, suppression or migration of the incident.

Scope: This policy applies to all Northern Piatt Fire Department personnel

Policy

The apparatus driver of the second engine company shall be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a water supply to the incident scene. This individual shall take the necessary action to ensure a prompt and adequate water supply.

This individual shall be referred to as “Water Supply Officer” regardless of the individual’s current rank. The WSO shall report to the incident commander.

The WSO shall ascertain the nearest and most adequate water supply prior to the response.

The apparatus driver of the first engine shall advise the WSO, as soon as possible, of the water to the incident conditions, so that a determination can be made of the water supply requirements.

A reverse lay shall be made to hydrants, where practical, with an engine company relaying water to the incident scene. The exceptions to this are short forward lays from the hydrants of sufficient flow.

The WSO may direct that a particular hydrant be bypassed, in that the water supply line may be laid to a hydrant that provides a greater flow.

Supply line shall be 3” or larger whenever possible.

In portions of the Fire Protection District where fire hydrant protection is inadequate and/or non existent, the WSO may request the use of water tankers and/or port-a-tanks from mutual aid departments to provide or supplement the water supply.

The WSO may request law enforcement assistance to ensure supply line(s) are protected from vehicle traffic.

By the Order of: _____
Fire Chief

Date: _____