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I. PURPOSE

This policy outlines the specialized staffing requirements for the Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) program.

II. SCOPE

This policy shall apply to all sworn San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) personnel, excluding Lifeguard personnel.

III. AUTHORITY

The Fire Chief authorizes this policy.

IV. POLICY

A. Daily Staffing

Only qualified personnel can work at the Airport Fire Station.

1. "Qualified" personnel have 'ARFF' or '*ARFF' following their name in TeleStaff (or department electronic staffing program).
 - a. ARFF: Permanently assigned personnel
 - b. *ARFF: Qualified relief personnel

B. Permanent Personnel

1. Permanent personnel are required to maintain the minimum training set forth by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), through the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 14, Part 139 and Advisory Circular 150/5210-17C - Programs for Training of ARFF Personnel and as otherwise required by the FAA.
2. The number of permanent personnel is set by the ARFF contract between the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA) and the City of San Diego as follows:
 - a. Three captains
 - b. Nine engineers
 - c. 12 firefighters

C. Relief Personnel

1. Relief personnel are required to maintain the minimum training set forth by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), through the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 14, Part 139 and Advisory Circular 150/5210-17C - Programs for Training of ARFF Personnel and as otherwise required by the FAA.
2. The rules, regulations, and requirements for the ARFF program are designated within the contract between SDCRAA and the City of San Diego and are subject to meet and confer between SDFD and Local 145.

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3. The number of relief personnel is set by the ARFF contract between the SDCRAA and the City of San Diego as follows:
 - a. Six captains
 - b. Six engineers
 - c. 12 firefighters
4. Relief list recruitments will be held annually, or as needed, to maintain proper staffing levels.
5. Relief list personnel may do trades with permanent ARFF personnel.

D. Airport Fire Station Staffing Selection Process

1. Refer to the SDFD Staffing Manual Section 05: Bid System

E. Specialty Pay

1. All specialty pay follows current recognized employee organization memorandum of understanding and ARFF contract.

V. **DEFINITIONS**

Permanent Personnel: Completed the required position task book(s) and are permanently assigned to the Airport Fire Station, at a minimum rate of firefighter IID.

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Relief Personnel: Completed required position task book(s) and not permanently assigned to the Airport Fire Station, at a minimum rate of firefighter IID.

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