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I. FIRE COMPANY INSPECTION PROGRAM (FCIP)

A. Purpose

The purpose of this Standard Instruction is to provide operating procedures and guidelines that shall be used by this Department for those inspection programs that are designed to accomplish the increasingly important function of preventing or reducing fire loss.

B. Scope

These instructions are primarily for Fire Suppression units and defines their role in fire prevention. Inspections transferred to Fire Suppression will be limited to maintaining code conformance in occupancies with a high life hazard potential, as previously determined by Fire and Hazard Prevention Services.

C. Goal

The goal of the Fire Company Inspection Program is to protect life and property from fire and panic through education and enforcement. This shall be accomplished by inspecting all occupancies at required intervals to determine and correct conditions which could cause a fire or contribute to its spread.

D. Authority

San Diego Municipal Code, of which the Uniform Fire Code is a part, gives the Chief, or his/her designate full authority and responsibility to make and enforce such rules and regulations for the prevention and control of fires and fire hazards as may be necessary. Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1.12 further states that Fire and Life Safety shall enforce such rules and regulations in their respective areas that deal with life and fire safety.

E. Area of Responsibility

1. The Assistant Fire Marshal(s) and his/her staff shall initially inspect, bring into code conformance and transfer the inspection occupancies to the Fire Company Inspection Program. In addition, the Assistant Fire Marshal(s) shall provide technical direction and information.

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2. The Deputy Chiefs assigned to Emergency Operations and his/her Battalion Chiefs will assign the FCIP inspections to the fire companies according to their workloads. Fire Captains shall be responsible for completing those inspections within the assigned time.

F. Procedures

Procedures for the inspection of each occupancy, fire protection devices, issuing of permits, processing of complaints and violations and other background information is in the Fire Company Inspection Program Handbook and directives issued in reference to FCIP. Additional inspection techniques may be derived from the I.F.S.T.A. Manual titled "Fire Inspection Practices."