

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GALENA FIRE DEPARTMENT</b> Standard Operating Guideline</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Randy A. Beadle</i> Fire Chief Signature</p> <p style="text-align: right;">January 1, 2021</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INTRODUCTION</b></p>
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Well designed Standard Operating Guidelines help fill some critical needs in a fire service organization. For individual firefighters, SOG's clarify job requirements and expectations in a format that can be readily applied on the job. They explain in detail what the department wants them to do in the situations they are most likely to encounter. The result is improved safety, performance, and morale.

For Officers, the advantages are equally great. SOG's provide a mechanism to identify needed changes, articulate strategies, document intentions, implement regulatory requirements, enhance training, and evaluate operational performance. The result is improved operational efficiency, greater accountability, and reduced liability.

In short, SOG's are a vital component of fire service administrative and emergency response operations. Departments cannot operate safely or effectively in modern society without a comprehensive set of SOGs and the management systems needed to develop and maintain them. Organizations that choose to ignore this fact are increasingly vulnerable to accidents, lawsuits, unnecessary costs, personnel problems, and damage to their professional image.

The following pages set forth the guidelines set as the standard for the Galena Fire Department. All GFD members will function in full compliance with all provisions set forth in this document.