



BFD Times

Special points of interest:

The next Officers Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20th.

Minimum Company Standards

Starting this month the Belmont Fire Department will begin implementing training based on a set of Minimum

Performance Objectives: Following the appropriate BFD SOG's, the assigned crew shall successfully perform all tasks for a first arriving Engine Co.					
Description: Upon receiving a dispatch for a fire at _____, the assigned crew shall respond and perform all tasks of a first arriving Engine Co.					
NFPA Standard: NFPA 1410: Standard on Training for Initial Emergency Scene Operations					
Evaluation Criteria: Crew Safety, Effective Delegation, Communications, Crew Accountability, Orderly Completion of Task					
Maximum Allowable Time: Crew shall be suited up, on air and prepared to make entry with a charged hose line in 5 min or less					
Safety: Be cautious of training ground conditions and traffic					
Company Officer					
Procedure	YES	NO	N/A	PASS	FAIL
1. Dons appropriate protective clothing and SCBA for the reported incident type					
2. Ensures response level is appropriate for call type (SAF 10-002)					
3. Provides a brief initial report (OPS 11-004)					
4. Conducts rapid scene size-up to include 360 Walk around					
5. Determines initial fire attack actions (OPS 10-001)					
6. Establishes initial water supply (OPS 11-002-1)					
7. Provides initial assignments to incoming companies					
8. Provides status reports					

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Company Standards (MCS) that have been developed by the officers of the department. These standards provide a baseline for professional development and training for each position within our respective organizations. This month we will be working on the MCS for first due engine company operations. The image shown above is just a snippet of what that entails. Shift officers will be responsible for coordinating the training. Call personnel who are unable to attend the MCS training on their shift should advise their shift lieutenant and attempt to make arraignments to attend another shift's training. (Cont. page 3)



Coffee Break Training - Community Risk Reduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Foundation and the CDC Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response's (OPHPR's) Learning Office selected seven communities that are promising examples of community efforts that reflect and embody the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Whole Community approach to emergency management.

The Whole Community approach to emergency management engages business, government and nonprofit sectors to integrate the needs, capabilities and resources of the community. The organizations have been selected as part of this pilot program for promising progress and leadership in the field. Through this collaboration, the seven selected organizations will receive resources and expertise to expand their preparedness efforts and share best practices.

The seven initiatives selected for this project are:

- **Emergency Kit Cook Off**, Arizona Division of Emergency Management, Phoenix, Arizona
- **Do 1 Thing**, Lansing Office of Emergency Management, Lansing, Michigan
- **The Independent Living Centers**, Joplin, Missouri
- **Resilient Diamond Heights Project**, San Francisco, California
- **Project Wildfire**, Deschutes County, Oregon
- **EvacuSpots**, New Orleans, Louisiana
- **Partners in Preparedness**, NYC Office of Emergency Management, New York City, New York

As part of the initiative, CDC will aggregate best practices and lessons learned from the seven communities to build learning communities for disaster preparedness. These best practices and lessons learned will inform the development of recommended preparedness strategies to help other communities adopt and practice the Whole Community approach.

The goal of the collaboration is to build and strengthen partnerships, empower local action, highlight community work, and ultimately create a collective body of knowledge among emergency managers nationwide that supports a Whole Community approach to emergency management.

"CDC works closely with FEMA before, during and after disasters to protect the health of Americans," said Charles Stokes, President and CEO of the CDC Foundation. "CDC plays an important role in our nation's health security, working with state and local health departments to prepare for, detect and respond to health threats. The CDC Foundation is pleased to serve as the nexus, where, for this collaboration, CDC, FEMA and cross-sector community leaders can come together to share expertise and resources to improve our nation's readiness and resilience."

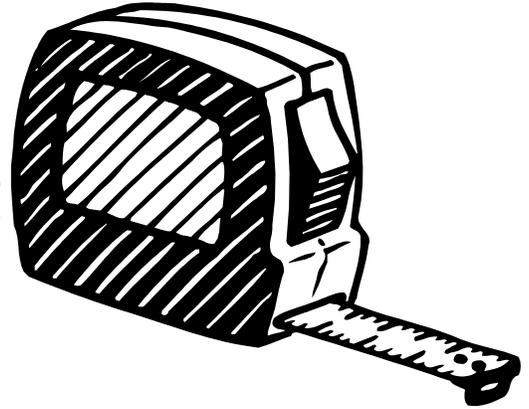
FEMA's Whole Community Approach to Emergency Management

FEMA recognizes that a government-centric approach to emergency management is not enough to meet the challenges posed by a catastrophic incident. Whole Community is an approach to emergency management that reinforces the fact that FEMA is only one part of our nation's emergency management team. This larger collective emergency management team includes not only FEMA and its partners at the federal level but also local, tribal, state and territorial partners; nongovernmental organizations, like faith-based and nonprofit groups, and private sector industry; and individuals, families and communities, which continue to be the nation's most important assets as first responders during a disaster.

CDC's Work Related to the Whole Community Approach

The CDC OPHPR's Learning Office organizes leadership and community engagement efforts related to emergency preparedness. Recognizing that government alone cannot create and maintain a prepared and resilient community, the CDC continues to explore which community programs achieve the vision of government and communities working hand in hand to secure a prepared, healthy and safe community.

Minimum Company Standards



It is important to understand that MCS are a “Work in Progress”. Minimum company standards are an effective tool not only for evaluating company-level and individual performance; they also serve as a means of standardizing fire-ground operations throughout the organization (across shifts and companies). Keep in mind, minimum company standards and individual performance standards must remain fluid and will be reviewed and revised regularly to ensure they comply with applicable standards and the department's latest SOGs and GO's. The MCS will be used to measure our skills and to help plan for future training needs.

Belmont Fire Department's 2014 Year to Date Alarms by Type

BLS Alpha or Bravo	193
ALS Charlie	70
ALS Delta	66
ALS Echo	28
MVA Alpha or Bravo	3
MVA Charlie	4
MVA Delta	5
MVA With Extrication	2
Fire Response	107
Hazardous Materials Response	27
Motor Vehicle Accident No Injury	14
Mutual Aid Response	116
No Medical incident Found/No Patient Contact	4
Rescue Response	1
Service Call	16
Storm Response	4
Water Rescue	1
Total	661

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BFD Mission Statement

The Mission of the Belmont Fire Department is to provide fire, emergency medical, and fire prevention services in a caring and compassionate manner. To be prepared to respond to any request for assistance and to ensure that every member of the department returns home safely.

BFD Vision Statement

The Belmont Fire Department will continuously work to meet the changing needs of our community by striving to be the premiere fire department in the Lakes Region. We will do this by maintaining a high level of readiness and by focusing on the professional development and training of all our personnel.

OUR CORE VALUES

All members of the Belmont Fire Department adhere to the following values:

Service - We strive for excellence in the service we deliver through on-going evaluation and involvement.

Teamwork - We embrace the concept of teamwork through skillful communication and personal cooperation to achieve our common goal.

Accountability - We are responsible, as professionals and individuals, for our actions.

Integrity - We act ethically, we expect honesty, loyalty and dedication.

Respect - We practice mutual respect by setting a personal example of trust and fairness.