



Wintergreen Fire and Rescue Standard Administrative Policy	
Subject:	Transfer of Command
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Purpose:

To establish a policy on how command of an incident will be transferred.

Policy:

Command will only be transferred to someone on location of the incident.

Command shall only be transferred to someone with a higher level of expertise or authority. That member shall use his/her discretion before assuming command.

The member in command shall provide a status report to the person assuming command face to face or if unable to complete face to face, over the radio.

A status report shall include the following:

- Description of what happened
- Whether anyone was/is injured or trapped
- What has been done so far
- Whether the problem has stabilized or is getting worse
- What resources are on scene or en-route

Once command has been transferred, the member now in command shall contact dispatch advising them of the transfer. Dispatch will announce the transfer.

****Law Enforcement has authority at all traffic crashes unless there is a fire, or a significant haz-mat spill****