

# Kent Fire Department Policy & Guidelines

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Approval: \_\_\_\_\_, Fire Chief

## RISK MANAGEMENT PLANNING

- Policy References:**
1. WAC 296-305-05001 Safety Standards for Fire Fighters
  2. NFPA 1500-8.2 Standard on Fire Department Occupational Health and Safety
  3. Zone 3 IMS Lesson Plan

**Affected Members:** All Uniformed Employees

**Policy Statement:** It is the policy of the Kent Fire Department to offer timely and effective life safety services while providing the safest working environment possible for our members. To achieve that, all members are expected to operate in a safe manner utilizing the following risk management profiles:

- ◆ *Activities that present a significant risk shall be limited to saving endangered lives.*
- ◆ *Activities routinely employed to protect property present inherent risks and actions shall be taken to reduce or avoid these risks.*
- ◆ *No risk shall be acceptable when there is no possibility to save lives or property.*

The officer in command shall perform a risk assessment prior to the initiation of emergency mitigation efforts and develop a risk management plan. The plan shall include: hazard identification (potential problems); risk evaluation (likelihood of occurrence and severity); risk control techniques to be utilized (solutions for elimination or mitigation of emergency incidents); and risk management monitoring (evaluation of effectiveness on a regular basis). In situations where risk to fire department members is excessive, activities shall be limited to defensive operations.

**Action by:**

All Personnel

**Action:**

1. Identify situations that pose actual and potential risk to emergency response personnel and civilians.
2. Evaluate situations based on the likelihood of occurrence and the severity of its consequences.

## RISK MANAGEMENT PLANNING

**Action by:**

**Action:**

3. Implement tasks that reduce or eliminate the potential hazard to personnel and civilians.
4. Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of tasks and modify them as conditions change to ensure a reduced risk to personnel and civilians.

Incident Commander

1. Shall be responsible for the overall safety of all members and all activities occurring at the scene.
2. Perform a situation evaluation that includes risk assessment
3. Develop, announce, and implement the operational mode based on risk assessment

Officers and Firefighters

1. Report situations and conditions that pose potential risk to immediate supervisor or Safety Officer.