

Buechel Fire Protection District

Chain of Command

COC-0002

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Title: Company Commander
Captains and Lieutenants

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Section	Instruction
1.	The company officer's authority comes from the Chief of the district. The company officer's authority is limited to the functions in which they are to perform. The company officer's have the responsibility to command and shall do so with leadership and authority.
2.	Being a company officer requires additional responsibilities as a company commander. The company commander must supervise the activities of a fire company at the fire station, training exercise and at the scene of emergency situations. The company commander shall also act as a fire ground commander in the absence of the chief officer. The firefighters of each company will perform many duties while under the company commander's direction. Many tasks are assigned by the chief officers and shall be performed with a certain degree of independence. The work of the company commander will be evaluated through observation of the work progression and of the result obtained.
3.	The company commander must be knowledgeable in the following: A. Location of streets, principle buildings, fire hydrant and Siamese locations within the fire district. B. Apparatus, tools and equipment as well as the proper use and maintenance required. C. Principles and practices of firefighting. D. Rules and regulations of the district.
4.	The company commander must have the ability to evaluate fires, recognize damage and take immediate action necessary for the protection of life and property. The company commander must also have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other firefighters and the general public.