

**Manasquan Fire Department  
Manasquan Fire District #1  
Standard Operating Guideline**

**200.00**

**Title: Incident Safety Officer**

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**Purpose:** To established a guideline for the utilization and deployment of an Incident Safety Officer.

**Scope:** This guideline is to be followed by all personnel in the Department, with particular attention being made to it by any and all Incident Commanders. Deviation from this guideline rests with the Fire Chiefs or Incident Commander.

**General:** The following guideline is established to better protect the safety of Department personnel while performing their duties at emergency scenes. While this guideline sets certain parameters for establishing and assigning an Incident Safety Officer, discretion must be used for those issues not directly covered in this guideline. At any time, an Incident Commander may request additional personnel in order to have an Incident Safety Officer on the scene of an emergency call. It also has to be recognized that the Incident Safety Officer's position on the fireground must be dynamic. They must constantly be surveying the fire building both on the exterior and interior if needed. Their positions will be dictated by the fire incident. The Incident Safety Officer also has the authority to override the Incident Commander's authority, if it is in the scope of maintaining firefighter safety.

**200.00.01 Scenes Requiring an Incident Safety Officer:**

The following is a basic list of emergency scenes requiring an Incident Safety Officer. It is at the discretion of the Incident Commander to request and deploy an Incident Safety Officer on emergency scenes not listed herein.

- Structure Fires
- Vehicle Fires with Exposures
- Hazardous Materials responses where zones are established
- Vehicle Crashes requiring extrication
- Responses within the Technical Rescue category
- WMD responses

**200.00.02 Training Criteria:**

The current training criteria accepted and utilized by the Department is the Incident Safety Officer curriculum provided by the National Fire Academy, or Monmouth County Fire Academy program.

It shall be within the discretion of the Department to change said training criteria with an equal or better program if available.