



**ARCADIA FIRE DEPARTMENT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE**

INCIDENT RISK MANAGEMENT

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PURPOSE

To establish guidelines that ensure the risks faced by fire personnel are minimized through a risk management assessment as guided by NFPA 1500 *Fire Department Occupational Safety & Health Program*.

PROCEDURE

1. Upon the arrival of the Incident Commander (IC), they will integrate risk management when formulating a size-up and when developing strategy and tactics for the incident.
2. The responsibility for risk assessment is a continuous process for the entire duration of each incident. The IC should continually reevaluate conditions to determine if the level of risk has changed and when a change in strategy or tactics is necessary.
3. Arcadia Fire Department Risk Management Guidelines:
 - Activities that present a significant risk to safety of members shall be limited to situations where there is a potential to save endangered lives.
 - Activities that are routinely employed to protect property and the environment shall be recognized as inherent risks to the safety of members, and actions shall be taken to reduce or avoid these risks.
 - No risk to the safety of members shall be acceptable when there is no possibility to save lives or property.