I. PURPOSE

To ensure all members are able to properly perform their assigned duties in a safe, efficient manner in order to prevent accidents, injuries, death, and/or illnesses, all members actively engaged in fire, rescue and emergency medical services operations shall meet minimum training standards established by Prince George County.

II. PROCEDURE

1. Prince George Fire and EMS Training Division will work in conjunction with the company chief’s and training officers to provide opportunities for all members to achieve the required level of training.

2. Prince George Fire and EMS Training Division will help coordinate training that will update all personnel on new practices and techniques that are in line with a modern fire and EMS organization and that meet the industries standards for performance levels.

3. Each member shall be responsible for attending scheduled training to maintain their fire, rescue, and emergency medical skills at a level sufficient to retain the required state certifications and county standards.

4. All required state certification classes will be given annually which will provide a means of all new members to obtain these certifications within their initial twenty-four (24) months of service.

5. Any new member, which does not successfully complete the required certification classes, will be deemed as not meeting the minimum standards and will no longer be considered an active member in operations.

6. Firefighter - The required state certifications are:
   a. Firefighter I
   b. Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations
   c. CPR, First Aid and AED
   d. Vehicle Extrication Awareness Level
   e. NIMS IS-700, ICS 100, and ICS 200
7. Emergency Medical Technician - The required state certifications are:
   a. Emergency Medical Technician
   b. Hazardous Materials Awareness
   c. CPR
   d. EVOC S-2
   e. NIMS IS-700, ICS 100, and ICS 200

III. GRANDFATHERING OF MINIMUM FIREFIGHTER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

1. Prince George County specifies that as of January 1, 1989 and prior to July 1, 2015 all new firefighters accepted as members of any volunteer fire department within the County of Prince George shall have been certified in the Virginia Department of Fire Programs Firefighter I and Hazardous Materials Awareness training program or any other training program approved/accepted by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs as equivalent. All members that were active prior to January 1, 1989 will be considered grandfathered as far as Firefighter I requirements are concerned.

2. All members meeting the Grandfathering Requirements as outlined will be considered having the Firefighter I and Hazardous Materials Awareness training with regard to all other County S.O.P.'s.