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| <b>Subject:</b>        | <b>TRAINING FOR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS</b> |
| <b>Section:</b>        | <b>PPG# 4400.47</b>                       |
| <b>Chapter:</b>        | <b>Operations</b>                         |
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## 1.0 POLICY

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- 1.1 This policy shall apply to all personnel called on to provide services at any fire defined as a "wildland fire."
- 1.1.1 This policy section shall *not* apply to suppression actions taken on fires prior to the fire meeting the definition of a "wildland fire."
- 1.2 Suppression personnel assigned to a wildland fire shall be trained to a NWCG Fire Fighter level II or a comparable class of training.
- (a) "Comparable" training shall be determined by Thurston County Fire District No.5 & 9.
- (b) Nothing in this section shall preclude the use of local residents, affected parties or contracted fire fighting resources to suppress wildland fires if they are under the direct supervision of a qualified fire line officer.
- 1.3 Supervisory personnel shall be trained to a level commensurate to the position and responsibility they are to assume.
- 1.4 All personnel will be trained and capable of demonstrating competency in utilizing the Incident Command System (ICS).
- 1.5 All suppression personnel shall annually review the Standard Operating Safety Procedures.
- 1.6 Training for members using firing equipment shall include S-190, S-290 Fire Behavior.

## 2.0 DEFINITIONS

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- 2.1 **Wildland Fire:** A fire burning in natural vegetation that requires an individual or crew(s) to expend more than one hour of labor to confine, control and extinguish. Crews may be substituted to avoid the one-hour benchmark or increase crew size to complete the job in

less than one hour. One hour was chosen as the maximum time that individuals should work in high temperatures in structural protective clothing.

### **3.0 REFERENCES**

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