

5.7 POLICE POWER OF DEPARTMENT

5.7.1 POLICE AUTHORITY AT FIRES/EMS CALLS. The Chief and his assistants or officers in command at any fire are hereby vested with full and complete police authority. Any member of the Department may report to the proper authorities any person failing to give the right of way to the Fire Department in responding to a fire or EMS call.

5.7.2 CONTROL OF FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCIES. The Fire Chief may prescribe certain limits in the vicinity of any fire within which no persons except firefighters, EMS personnel and police officers and those admitted by order of the Chief shall be permitted to enter. The Chief may cause the removal of any property whenever it shall become necessary for the preservation of such property from fire or to prevent the spreading of fire or to protect the adjoining property, and during the progress of any fire, the Chief may order the removal or destruction of any property necessary to prevent the further spread of the fire. The Chief may also cause the removal of all wires or other facilities and the turning off of all electricity or other services where the same impedes the work of the Department.

5.7.3 ENTERING PREMISES. Any firefighter or EMS personnel, while acting under the direction of the Fire Chief or other officer in command, may enter upon the premises adjacent to or in the vicinity of any building or other property when the Chief reasonably believes such entry is required for the protection of persons or property. If any person shall hinder, resist or obstruct any firefighter or EMS personnel in the discharge of his duty, as is hereinbefore provided, the person so offending shall be deemed guilty of resisting the firefighter/EMS personnel in the discharge of his duties.

5.7.4 DUTIES OF BYSTANDERS. Every person who shall be present at a fire or EMS call shall be subject to the orders of the Fire Chief or officer in command and may be required to render assistance in fighting the fire or removing or guarding property. Such officer may cause the arrest of any person refusing to obey such orders.

5.7.5 DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF EQUIPMENT PROHIBITED. No person shall willfully damage or destroy, in any manner, any equipment belonging to the Fire Department or the Village and no vehicle or railroad equipment shall be driven over any unprotected hose of a fire department when laid down on any street, private driveway, track or other place to be

used at any fire or alarm of fire without the consent of the Fire Department official in command.