



Nelson County Emergency Services Council
Nelson County, Virginia

<i>Nelson County Emergency Services Council Standard Operating Guideline</i>	
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Purpose:

To establish a coordinated system of monitoring and tracking personnel and units for both single and multi-company operations. To enable the Incident Commander to identify, locate and account for the function of all fire/rescue personnel operating on scene of an emergency incident.

Procedure:

It is the responsibility of all members of the Fire Department to understand and follow the procedures outlined in this policy.

Each member shall be issued two accountability tags with his/her name and color coded officer level. (One spare) When assigned to an apparatus or crew, the accountability tag will be affixed to the "Passport" tab which shows all personnel on that vehicle. When arriving at a scene via private vehicle, the firefighter will present their tag to the accountability officer when given an assignment. Initially the accountability officer shall be the pump operator until such a time when he/she is able to pass off the responsibility to another person on scene. The accountability officer must remain in close proximity to the Incident Commander at all times.

It shall be the responsibility of the company officer to see that the Incident Commander or accountability officer receives the accountability tags upon arrival.

Neither the accountability system nor proper fire-ground procedures encourage or tolerate freelancing or fragmenting of companies.