1.0 **Purpose:**

To define the minimum training requirements for operational response positions that comprise the Washington County Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and EMS companies.

2.0 **Applicability:**

This standard will apply to all emergency responders and member companies of the WCVFRA.

3.0 **Definitions:**

- **Fit Test**
  Fit test shall be conducted on the SCBA face piece and N95 respirator mask based on training qualifications. Universal fit N95 respirator mask shall be exempt from the fit test requirement.

- **EMS**
  Emergency Medical Services

- **NC**
  Any operational responder that does not meet or exceed the training requirements established by NFPA 1001 for Firefighter I, or the Emergency Medical Services Provider section of this document. The individual shall be identified by 2 inch NC letters on three (3) side of his or her helmet. The “NC” shall be defined as either Non Certified or Non Compliant.

- **MIEMSS**
  Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems

- **NFPA 1001**
  National Fire Protection Association’s Standard for Firefighter Professional Qualifications

- **NFPA 1006**
  National Fire Protection Association’s Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications

- **PEAR**
  Protective Envelope and Foam class
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SCBA  Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
WCVFRA  Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association

4.0 Classification:

The operational position classifications shall be defined as follows:

4.1 Non Certified/Non Compliant (NC)

A. All "NC" personnel shall complete:

1. Fitness For Duty Physical
2. Washington County Pre Essentials Training
3. CPR
4. Blood Bourne Pathogens
5. NIMS 1S-700 and 1S-800

4.2 Fire I

A. To be classified as a Fire I, the responder shall meet the "NC" qualifications, and meet the requirements of NFPA 1001 standard to include:

1. Annual Fit Test
2. Maryland State or Pro Board certifiable Firefighter I class.
4. NIMS ICS-100 and ICS-200
4.3 Fire II

A. To be classified as a Fire II, the responder shall meet the Fire I qualifications of this document, and the requirements of NFPA 1001 standard to include:

1. Maryland State or Pro Board certifiable Firefighter II class.
2. The following certifiable classes are recommend based on the departments service delivery capabilities:
   a. First Responder Basic, or Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B)
   b. Engine Company or Truck Company Operations
   c. Pumps Operator’s Course
   d. Rescue Technician class to meet NFPA 1006

4.4 Driver/Operator

A. All driver/operators shall comply with the training requirements outlined in the WCVFRA Drivers Training Standard.

4.5 Emergency Medical Services Provider:

A. All EMS providers shall meet:

1. The “NC” requirements of this document
2. Annual Fit Test (when applicable for respiratory protection)
3. Be a EMT-B or greater as defined by MIEMSS
4. Up to date on all Maryland EMS Protocols
5. Meet all EMS operational requirements specific to Washington County
6. NIMS ICS-100 and ICS-200
7. The following certifiable classes are recommend based on the departments service delivery capabilities:
   a. PEA or Firefighter I
   b. Rescue Technician class to meet NFPA 1006
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4.6 Officers:

A. All operational officers shall meet the following:

1. Comply with the WCVFRA Officer Standard
2. NIMS IS-700, IS-800, ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-300, ICS-400

5.0 Compliance and Grandfathering Period:

A two (2) year time period* starting on January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2012 will be granted to allow all personnel to meet the NIMS requirements of this document. It should be understood that the compliance period is for the NIMS criteria only, and all other training requirements should currently be met by each departments members based on their operational position, and shall be enforced by this document upon its effective date, starting the first of the next calendar month, after the standard has been passed by the association.

The association will be required to provide at a minimum two (2) NIMS ICS-300, and two (2) NIMS ICS-400 classes, one (1) each offered as an evening class during the week, and one (1) each offered as a weekend class, to allow the personnel needing the training the opportunity to obtain the training within Washington County.

Any person needing NIMS IS-700, IS-800, ICS-100, or ICS-200 can take the classes online via the National Fire Academy website at their earliest convenience.

*The effective/compliance dates may be adjusted to conform to the adoption date by the WCVFRA.
6.0 **Explanatory Material:**

6.1 Basic fire, essentials I and essentials II shall meet the Maryland State Fire I class.

6.2 Any Hazmat Operation Class that meets the requirements of OSHA 29 CFR-191C.120 and is recertified on an annual basis, including those classes offered by the WCVFRA during the association’s academy status time period shall be accepted.

6.3 Annual Blood Bourne Pathogen recertification shall have a written test at the completion of the class.

6.4 Department of Defense (DOD) certifications shall be accepted as equivalent certifications to the Pro Board requirements.

6.5 All EMS certification classes such as EMT-B, EMT-P etc. shall meet certification requirements outlined by MIEMSS.