

WAC 296-305-01507 Fire department health and safety officer.

(1) The duties and responsibilities of the fire department health and safety officer must include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Plan and coordinate safety activities.
- (b) Work closely with the safety committee.
- (c) Ensure accidents are investigated.
- (d) Devise corrective measures to prevent accidents.

(2) Realizing safety training and recordkeeping are management's responsibility, the fire department health and safety officer must ensure the following requirements are being met:

- (a) Ensure safety training for all employees.
- (b) Ensure safety directives are complied with.

(c) Ensure that records are kept, but not limited to the following:

- (i) Accidents;
- (ii) Injuries;
- (iii) Inspections;
- (iv) Exposures;
- (v) Medical monitoring;
- (vi) Safety meetings;
- (vii) Apparatus;
- (viii) Equipment;
- (ix) Protective clothing;
- (x) Other fire department safety activities.

(3) The fire department health and safety officer, through the fire chief, must have the authority and responsibility to identify and recommend correction of safety and health hazards.

(4) The fire department health and safety officer must maintain a liaison with staff officers regarding recommended changes in equipment, procedures, and recommended methods to eliminate unsafe practices and reduce existing hazardous conditions.

Additional Reference: NFPA 1521 Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer, may be used as a guide for duties and responsibilities relating to the safety officer.

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