

# CHIEF'S INTENT

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**Our core mission is to provide emergency services to the Township of Stillwater and the surrounding communities. We will provide those services with professionalism and the upmost safety. Below are some ways we will accomplish the mission.**

1. Protecting lives and property: Our primary goal is to minimize the loss of lives and damage to property due to emergencies. This will be accomplished by utilizing our resources and training to respond effectively and efficiently to any type of situation.
2. Developing a highly skilled team: We will continue to train on the “basics” until it becomes second nature, along with training in specialized areas such as water rescue, wilderness rescue, ice rescue, rapid intervention team, ETC. Training is something that should be planned, executed, and attended in a serious manner.
3. Resources: Our resources are very diverse, from you yourself, to the equipment we use, to the apparatus we ride in. All of these should be taken care of and maintained to the highest standards. Engineers will play a vital role in keeping the apparatus and the equipment maintained and ready to be used in any situation. Every member needs to keep themselves “maintained” both physically and mentally for any situation that may arise.
4. Community based: We are a pillar to our community and with that comes responsibilities to maintain the relationships we have with the community. Events that may not be “fun” or “exciting” will need to be staffed as they come up. If you are to attend a community event, remember you are representing not only yourself, but also the Fire Department. Ensure that you are presenting yourself in the most professional manner to the public.
5. Fire Prevention: We will always conduct our yearly fire prevention at the school, but it should not stop there. During routine calls if you see something that is of a concern and may be a fire danger let the resident know and offer suggestions to correct the problem.
6. EMS: EMS is a division of our Fire Department, and they should be treated as such. There is no longer a rescue squad and a fire department, we are one and have been for some time. The same amount of care that goes into training for fires and maintaining equipment and apparatus, should carry over to EMS equipment and the ambulances.

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7. Line Officers: All line officers are here for each and every member of this department. If you have issues with anything reach out to an officer. Officers will not only attend mandatory monthly drills and meetings, but there is also going to be officer specific training incorporated throughout the year. As an officer you should be leading by example and helping mold the next generation of officers.
8. Respect: Every member of this department deserves and will be given respect. I understand we are a family and will joke around and sometimes not see eye to eye on certain things, but during fire department events and calls everyone will give and be given respect. The officers of this department were chosen by the membership and will be given the respect of their rank. Insubordination will not be tolerated at any level. If any member has an issue with an officer bring it to my attention, if it is me the problem is with, and you do not feel comfortable addressing it directly with me go to another officer with the issue.

Lastly, I want to say what an honor it is to be chosen as the Chief. Through training, dedication, and professionalism we will support our community and propel this department higher up the scale than it already is. I will always be open to professional criticism and suggestions, and I ask that you all do the same.



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