

The Woodlands Fire Department Operational Guidelines

A-06 – FIRE DEPARTMENT SECURITY

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To ensure that fire department facilities and apparatus are secure
- 1.2 To ensure that all fire department personnel are aware of fire department security precautions

2.0 SECURING FACILITIES, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT:

- 2.1 Educate crews regarding the importance of station security.
- 2.2 Keep the station locked and bay doors closed, especially when the nation is on heightened alert (code orange or code red).
- 2.3 Limit access to stations: Confirm the identity of vendors. Vendors and visitors will have fire department escort while on fire department property
- 2.4 If you experience a suspicious incident, regardless of how harmless it may seem, report the incident to the Company Officer and up through the chain of command if warranted.

3.0 SECURING DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

- 3.1 Whenever possible, apparatus will be kept within direct line-of-sight of the crew. Do not unnecessarily leave any apparatus unattended or unsecured.
- 3.2 All department vehicles equipped with traditional keys and door locks shall be secured at all times when unattended.