

TRURO FIRE RESCUE

RULES & REGULATIONS

R&R #12 USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES EFFECTIVE 12-15-99

12.0 USE OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES:

It has been the policy of the Truro Fire Department that personnel who may be under the influence of intoxicating beverages and/or substance abuse drugs will not respond to calls nor will they engage in any Fire Department duties. This policy will be expanded to include the **perception** of having used intoxicating beverages and/or substance abuse drugs. Engaging in Fire Department duties usually brings personnel in close contact with others, especially the general public. This is especially true when answering rescue calls. Since even the perception of intoxicating beverages and/or drug substance use will most likely present a worst case scenario to others, that of engaging in one's duties under the influence of intoxicating beverages or substance drugs, the Truro Fire Department has instituted the following policy.

- 12.1 Members who may be under the influence of intoxicating beverages and/or narcotics or any other controlled substances that has been lawfully and unlawfully administered shall not respond to any call, whether on Fire Department apparatus or by any other means, and nor shall he/she engage in any Fire Department duties.
- 12.2 Members shall not respond to any call nor shall they engage in any Fire Department duties when he/she has the odor of intoxicating beverages about their person and/or clothing regardless of the amount of intoxicating beverages actually ingested, including those members who have followed the guidelines set forth in Item 12.7 of this Rule and Regulation.
- 12.3 Members while on duty shall not consume any intoxicating liquor.
- 12.4 Members while on duty shall not use any narcotic, controlled substance or any other toxic drug except at the direction of a physician for a specific health purpose. If used at the direction of a physician, said member shall notify his/her superior officer or member in charge of such when reporting for duty.
- 12.5 Members while off duty and while wearing any identifiable part of his uniform, shall not drink any intoxicating beverage in public view or in any place accessible to the public.

12.6 Members shall not bring, place or keep, or permit to be brought, placed or kept, in any Fire building or vehicle, any intoxicating beverage or any narcotic drug or controlled substance, except in the proper performance of **Fire Rescue duty** as required by Department practices and procedures.

12.7 Guidelines for responding to calls and engaging in Department duties after consuming intoxicating alcoholic beverages:

12.7.1 Not within two hours after finishing on drink.

12.7.2 Not within four hours after finishing two drinks.

12.7.3 Not within six hours after finishing three drinks.

12.7.4 Not within eight hours after finishing four or more drinks.

12.7.5 For the purpose of these guidelines, an intoxicating alcoholic drink shall be described as:

12.7.5.1 12 ounces of beer

12.7.5.2 5 ounces of wine

12.7.5.3 1 ounce of distilled spirits

12.8 Officers-in-Charge aware or made aware of nonconformance with the policies of this Rule and Regulation shall immediately take steps to remedy such nonconformance. When the nature of Department duties requires a rapid response and a immediate implementation of Department operations requiring the full attention of the Officer-in-Charge and making it impractical Officers-in-Charge to ascertain conformance to the policies and guidelines set forth in this rule and regulation, then it shall be the responsibility of the individual member to adhere to these policies and guidelines.