

TRURO FIRE RESCUE
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

S.O.G. #113 MANDATED ELDERLY ABUSE REPORTING
EFFECTIVE 01-28-98 REVISED 01-17-06

1.0 PREFACE:

- 1.1 In an effort to insure all cases of elderly abuse, both real and perceived are reported, the following operational procedure shall be followed:

2.0 MANDATED REPORTERS:

- 2.1 All First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians, B, I or P.

3.0 CIRCUMSTANCES TO REPORT:

- 3.1 **ANY PERSON OVER 60** who is suffering from serious physical or emotional injury resulting from abuse inflicted upon him or her, including sexual abuse, neglect, malnutrition or who is determined to be physically dependent upon an addictive drug. Any person who in the opinion of the EMT can no longer safely be left alone in the residence.(self abuse)

4.0 WHEN TO REPORT:

- 4.1 The person responsible for signing the SARF or in the absence of a SARF, the senior person who was present shall make a verbal report to the Elderly Services within twenty four (24) hours of the incident and follow up with a written report within forty eight (48) hours.
- 4.2 A copy of this report shall remain with the incident report.
- 4.3 The Fire Chief shall be notified of all such incidents as soon as possible.

5.0 LIABILITY OF REPORTERS:

- 5.1 No mandated reporter who believes that an elderly is suffering from abuse shall be liable in any civil or criminal action for filing a report.
- 5.2 No privileged information shall prohibit the filing of a report.

6.0 WHO TO NOTIFY:

- 6.1 Monday thru Friday 0800 - 1700 hours Elder Services - 1 800-244-4630;
24 Hours - 1 800-922-2275
Elder Services of Cape & Island Town of Truro Council on Aging
68 Route 134 19 Town Hall Road
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