

DENVER FIRE DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE

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CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT - The Executive Officer of the Fire Department. He/she shall have overall command responsibility of the Department.

DEPUTY CHIEF – Next in rank below Chief of the Department. Responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Department, acting as Chief of the Department when the Chief is unavailable.

DIVISION CHIEF – Next in rank below Deputy Chief. Division Chiefs are appointed by the Chief of the Department.

- **Division 1 – Operations.** Directs the management of all suppression activities.
- **Division 2 – Fire Prevention & Investigation.** Directs the management of Fire Prevention, Fire Investigation, and Hazardous Material enforcement.
- **Division 3 – Technical Services.** Directs the management of the Repair Shop, Line Shop, Fire Communications and Dispatch operations.
- **Division 4 – Administration.** Directs the management of Human Resources, Finance, Payroll, Investigations, and Department warehouse.
- **Division 5 - Safety and Training.** Directs entry level training, in-service training, officer and engineer promotional development, and research & development.
- **Division 6 – D.I.A.** Directs the management of all aircraft and structural firefighting and training activities at Denver International Airport.

ASSISTANT CHIEF - Next rank below that of Division Chief. When assigned to Suppression, Assistant Chiefs direct rescue and firefighting activities at the command-level and manage their fire District on their shift. When assigned to support functions, they act as senior managers within their division.

CAPTAIN - Next in rank below Assistant Chief. When assigned to Suppression, Captains direct the activities of their Company on their shift, may act as Assistant Chief in the absence of the assigned Chief, manage or share management of their assigned Station, and perform the duties of emergency scene command as appropriate. When assigned to support functions, they perform as senior staff members, responsible for managing their unit's activities as assigned.

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LIEUTENANT - Next in rank below Captain. When assigned to Suppression, Lieutenants direct the activities of their company on their shift and perform the duties of emergency scene command as appropriate. When assigned to support functions, Lieutenants serve as line officers who direct and/or complete tasks within the scope of their responsibility.

ENGINEER - Next in rank below Lieutenant. Non-supervisory position subordinate to a company officer. Engineers are responsible for the operation and assigned routine maintenance of their apparatus to which they are assigned. Engineers also perform firefighting duties as directed by their company officer.

FIREFIGHTER – Next in rank below Engineer. When assigned to Suppression, firefighters are subordinate to their company officer and perform as team members that mitigate emergency situations as directed. When assigned to support functions, firefighters perform their duties as directed by the officers to which they are assigned.

TECHNICIAN – A position in either Suppression or Support Service designated by the Chief of the Department. Prior to being appointed, Technicians demonstrate that they possess special skills, technical expertise, and/or training beyond that attained by other Firefighters.