

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>RESPONSE TO CHIMNEY FIRES</b>
<b>Section:</b>	<b>PPG# 4400.17</b>
<b>Chapter:</b>	<b>Operations</b>
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## 1.0 POLICY

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- 1.1 McLane Black Lake Fire Department shall provided training to members in the proper tactics for extinguishment of chimney fires.

## 2.0 GUIDELINES

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- 2.1 The following precautions should be taken when dealing with chimney fires:
- (a) Water applied into a chimney may cause cracking of the liner and/or spreading of fire into occupancy. If necessary to use water, use a pump can or chimney nozzle.
  - (b) When possible, use chimney chains to knock creosote loose from the sides of the chimney. Extreme care must be used so that metal chimneys are not separated.
  - (c) Fire in a fireplace should be extinguished with a pump or spray bottle to prevent unnecessary damage to firebox.
- 2.2 Proper salvage equipment (hall runners, debris buckets, tarps, etc.) should be used when removing soot and unburned fuel to prevent unnecessary damage to the structure.
- 2.3 The attic area surrounding the chimney where the chimney may come in contact with combustible material should be inspected for cracks and extension of fire.
- 2.4 The roof area should be visually inspected for sparks, hot embers and/or flying debris. Area surrounding chimney should be checked for charring. Surrounding rooftops should be checked for any sparks, hot embers and/or flying debris.
- 2.5 After fire is extinguished and smoke has cleared, inside of the chimney should be visually inspected for cracks, excessive soot and/or creosote build-up by a qualified person.
- 2.6 The owner should be advised to have the chimney cleaned when applicable.