

Evaluating Fire Prevention Unit Policy

Evaluation of a Fire Prevention Unit will occur on a five year rotating cycle. The objective will be to ensure training, equipment and personnel have current certifications and the Fire Prevention Unit is maintaining all necessary records. These rules govern the requirements and procedures for certification and recognition of personnel hired by the County to operate in the role of a Fire Prevention Unit.

By definition the following items pertain to the unit:

- Any member of the Fire Prevention Unit must completed & pass Firefighter 1, Hazardous Material Awareness, must have Vehicle and Machinery Rescue I or have Certification for Firefighter 2, CPR and first aid.
- In addition any Line Officer must complete & pass Fire Officer 1.
- In addition any Chief and Assistant Chief Officers must complete and pass Fire Officer 2.
- The Fire Prevention Unit will not report to The National Fire Incident Reporting System.
- The Fire Prevention Unit does not have first due area. “Fire Due Area” means a fire protection district for which the Commission has assigned primary responsibility to a local fire department to provide fire protection and rescue service.
- The Fire Prevention Unit does not have an ISO rating. This refers to a national organization, ISO Properties, Inc., also known as the Insurance Services Office, that provides research, products, programs, and information on matters of insurance and risk management.
- There is no article of corporation at the Secretary of State’s Office. No Fire Prevention Unit has any business license.
- The Fire Prevention Unit does not have bylaws.
- The Local County Government will ensure the County Fire Board has a signed MOU with the participating Volunteer Fire Departments and the Fire Prevention Unit. The MOU should articulate the expectations of each party and will be monitored for compliance by the County Fire Board. Deviations of the MOU will be reported to the County Commission and the West Virginia State Fire Commission for final determination.

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- West Virginia State Law governing Fire Prevention Units will apply at all times.
- Training and Equipment records shall be maintained. The records shall be made available upon request by a representative of the state fire marshal office.
- The Fire Prevention Unit administrator is designated by the County Commission.
- The Fire Prevention Unit function is to supply manpower only.
- Any equipment purchased by the county for use of The Fire Prevention Unit can be evaluated.