Pleasant Valley Fire District

Standard Operating Guidelines

SOG #26 – CHIMNEY FIRES

PURPOSE: To ensure a safe operation for members at the scene of all chimney fires.

GUIDELINES:

1. Ensure entire building is evacuated.
2. All members must be in proper PPE (as specified in SOG#2).
3. Work from bucket or ladders as much as possible, using caution in hazardous weather.
4. To prevent damage, use proper salvage and tarp techniques for interior operations.
5. Use only dry chemical or non-water extinguishing agents in fire box.
6. Check all walls around chimney and fire box with thermal imaging camera for possible extension.
7. Structure should be continuously monitored for carbon monoxide and other gasses during operations and overhaul.
8. All radio operations will follow PVFD guidelines (as specified in SOG#10).
9. Incident Commander (IC) will ensure Town Building Department is notified.
10. On all active chimney fires, a non-charged hand line will be stretched.
11. All material removed from the firebox should be moved a safe distance from the structure and extinguished.
12. Proper ventilation techniques will be used when needed.
13. When possible, a member will be assigned to monitor the structural integrity of the chimney.
14. During prolonged operations rehab will be implemented.