Pleasant Valley Fire District

Standard Operating Guidelines

SOG #27 – STORM STANDBY

PURPOSE: To provide guidance to members when road or weather conditions make it dangerous to respond to calls in personally owned vehicles (POV).

GUIDELINES:

1. Upon notification from Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response, the Chief's staff and officers will discuss the potential need for a storm standby.

2. The Chief or his/her designee should notify the Pleasant Valley Fire District Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response that a storm standby will be taking place.

3. If a standby is deemed necessary, membership will be notified by the Chief or his/her designee as soon as possible.

4. At start of storm standby, all available members will report to their respective stations with their appropriate PPE as required in SOG #2.

5. The Chief or his/her designee will ensure that proper staffing allocation is established for the district, including but not limited to: apparatus assignments, training or house duties.

6. The Chief or his/her designee will be in contact with the Ladies Auxiliary(s) for needed supplies.

7. At the start of the storm standby, the watch desk will be converted into the Operations Center, only accessible to authorized personnel as determined by the Chief or his/her designee and will be staffed at all times.

8. The Chief or his/her designee will take an accountability roll call every two hours to ensure adequate staffing of apparatus.

9. Proper firehouse etiquette should be enforced at all times.

10. On overnight standbys, a “quiet time” in the sleeping areas from midnight on should be enforced.

11. If at any time a member must leave the standby, they must notify the Operations Center that they are no longer available.