

<p style="text-align: center;">TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPTER 2: SUGGESTED OPERATING GUIDELINES</p>
<p>Part 6: I.C.S. - Logistics Function Subject: Welfare Page 1 of 1 Effective Date: 07-01-95</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Section: 2-6-1 Reviewed/Revised Date: 04-26-10</p>

1.01 Goal. Provide for the welfare of citizens affected by fire or other incidents.

1.02 Welfare - General.

- A) It is common for victims of a fire to need assistance with temporary housing, clothing, food and other necessities.
- B) It is important to provide both physical and emotional support to victims, their relatives and friends. This need is particularly important at incidents involving injury or death.
- C) Department personnel must attempt to provide for these needs in a compassionate and supportive manner.

1.03 Welfare - Action.

- A) At any incident where individuals or families are displaced from their dwelling, Command will determine the need for temporary shelter, clothing and other assistance.
- B) A member should be assigned to serve as Welfare Officer.
- C) Contact the American Red Cross through the Base. This notification should be made as soon as possible. Request an estimated time of arrival for Red Cross representatives.
- D) The American Red Cross will contact Command on arrival at the scene. In most cases, the welfare of the individuals can be assumed by the Red Cross at that time. If needed, the Welfare Officer will continue to assist as long as necessary.