



General Order

Department of Fire & EMS

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Subject: Battalion Chief / Shift Commander

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Since the inception of the Shift Commander in June of 2023, the duties and responsibilities of the position have continued to expand to better define and align the position with the mission of the department. It is my objective to provide consistency to the administrative, operational and command functions of the department. This is in accordance with our legal authority under Chapter 37 of the County Code of Regulations.

Therefore, effective at 0700 hrs. August 1, 2025, the Shift Commander's rank will be re-titled to **Battalion Chief**. The radio ID for the Shift Commander will be "Battalion Chief 101." This change will recognize the position as a command officer with the requisite authority commensurate to this title.

The Chain of Command, Policy 1.02 will be updated to reflect the following:

Operational Chain of Command

- a. Director/Fire EMS Chief
- b. Career Deputy Director/Fire EMS Deputy Chief
- c. Career Bureau/Assistant Chiefs
- d. Volunteer Company Chief
- e. Career Battalion Chief
- f. Volunteer Deputy Chief, or Volunteer Assistant Chief
- g. Fire Captain
- h. Lieutenant
- i. Fire Apparatus Driver Operator
- j. Fire Fighter (Paramedic or EMT)
- k. EMS Only