

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This M.O.U. is between the Berrien County Fire Fighters Training Committee and the individual Fire Chiefs of Berrien County.

Purpose:

Provide a safe training experience to Berrien County Fire Fighters. Improve the skills and abilities of Berrien County Fire fighters to protect the lives and properties of Berrien County residents. To improve the abilities of Berrien County Fire fighters to safely operate in hostile environments leading to increased fire fighter safety. Define the responsibility and authority for training sessions using the Live Burn Trailer and Rescue Trailer and RIT course.

- A. The Berrien County Fire Fighters Training Committee is responsible for the operation and standard operating procedures (S.O.G.s) used by its instructors during training sessions in the live burn trailer and rescue trailer and for the RIT course. Instructors will follow the Berrien County Fire Fighters Training Committee’s policies and S.O.Gs. Trainee’s safety will always be the first priority.
- B. The undersigned Chief (of a fire department), who has firefighters participating in training in the live burn trailer or rescue trailer or RIT course, agrees that the training is an authorized department training class. Therefore, insurance coverage of his/her firefighters is provided by his/her department.
- C. The undersigned Chief agrees that all members provided by him/her shall be at least Fire Fighter 1 certified. The Chief also agrees that his/her members participating will meet NFPA Standard 1971 for personal protection equipment and NFPA 1500 Standard for facial hair.
- D. By requesting the live burn trailer and/or rescue trailer, the undersigned Chief agrees that the Berrien County Fire Fighters Training Committee instructors are in charge of the operation of the trailers. That the undersigned Chief retains the overall responsibility for the safety of his/her fire fighters participating in the Live Burn and Rescue trailer training sessions. That his/her fire fighters will be operating under his/her command or his/her designated incident commander using their SOG's.
- E. The Chief of the fire department, the senior officer of firefighters participating or any firefighter shall advise the Safety Officer of any condition or situation that endangers any fire fighters at the training site. The Chief or designee retains the authority to stop all training or operations because of safety concerns.
- F. The undersigned Chief agrees that the live burn trailer or rescue trailer will not be used without permission from the Berrien County Fire Fighters Training Committee and will only be operated by Berrien County Fire Fighters Training Committee instructors.
- G. The Chief of a fire department who is hosting the trailer(s) shall, whether or not his/her members participate, provide reasonable security for the trailer(s).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Berrien County Fire Fighters Training Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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