

A. **Initiation of Chiefs**

Any newly elected chiefs shall assume the duties of their office as soon as they have been approved by the District. A Chief shall serve until their successor is approved by the District. If any Chief is unable to serve until their successor is approved, each Chief shall move up in rank temporarily and the 2nd Deputy Chief position shall be vacant until all Chief positions have been approved.

B. **Initiation of Other Line Officers**

The newly elected Line Officers, other than Chiefs, shall take office as soon as the Chief Officers have been approved by the District at the District Organizational Meeting in January.

8. **Chief Powers**

The Chief shall, under the direction of the District, have exclusive control of the members of the Department of at all fires, drills, training, inspections, reviews and other occasions when the Department is on duty or parade. The Chief shall hold the members of the Department strictly accountable for all incidents, minor or major, that require corrective action, suspension, or termination, subject to the Discipline section of these by-laws.

A. **District Responsibilities**

The Chief shall see that the policies, rules and regulations of the District are observed and that the orders of the District are duly executed. They shall report to the District the condition of the property of said District and such other information as may be required of them.

B. **Apparatus and Equipment Oversight**

The Chief shall have supervision of the apparatus, equipment and other property used for the prevention or extinguishment of fire.

C. **Chief Absence or Disability**

In case of the disability or absence of the Chief, the 1st Deputy Chief, and in the case of the disability or absence of both the Chief and 1st Deputy Chief, the other deputies, in numerical order, shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Chief.

9. **Deputy Chief's Powers**

The duties of the Assistant Chiefs shall be to assist the Chief and to take over the duties of the Chief during any absence.

10. **Other Line Officer Powers**

The Chief shall assign the other Line Officers such duties as they may deem reasonable and necessary. The policies may assign duties to the Line Officers.

11. **Conflict of Interest:**

To eliminate any potential conflict of interest, the position of any Chief Officer or elected Line Officer shall be vacated if elected to the Walworth Board of Fire Commissioners.

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**ARTICLE VIII
ELECTION PROCESS**

All elections for Directors, Executive Officers, Administrators and elected Line Officers shall be conducted under this article. This is not the procedure for filling vacancies. Special elections shall be held in this manner, but the dates shall be changed as necessary.

1. **Membership Notice of Elections**

The President at the November Department meeting shall inform the membership of upcoming elections and solicit request of notification from those members not interested in holding any elected positions.

2. **Qualifications for Positions**