

WEST PATERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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A. MEDIA RELEASES

No member of the West Paterson Fire Department shall, with respect to any matter concerning the West Paterson Fire Department, make any statements to the media or discuss pending matters with the media without the prior approval of the Chief of the Department.

All questions or disputes regarding the propriety of the release of public information shall be resolved by the Chief of the Department.

Prior approval shall also be obtained from the Chief of the Department for any and all articles, publications, papers or presentations made in any published form or public forum. This shall include, but not be limited to print and electronic form.

Exception: In the absence of the Chief of the Department the media will be referred to the next highest ranking officer and follow the chain of command accordingly.

B. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Members of this department shall not publicly disparage or make unfavorable comments on the official action of any member of the West Paterson Fire Department.

C. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

A violation of this order may result in disciplinary action.

