

ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT

SMOKING & OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS POLICY	
Number: 2023-11	Adopted: August 23, 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to comply with the regulations as promulgated by the State of New York Public Health Law Article 13-E, Regulation of Smoking in Public and Work Places, and to promote a healthy and safe environment for all Fire District employees, Board of Fire Commissioners, firefighters, auxiliary members, contractors, and the general public.

POLICY

In compliance with Public Health Law 13E, since smoking restrictions are applicable to places of employment and since the NYS Department of Labor considers volunteer firefighters to be employees of the Fire District. It is the intent of the Board of Fire Commissioners to prohibit smoking in all locations within buildings owned, leased, or controlled by the Fire District. This includes Fire District employees, the Board of Fire Commissioners, firefighters, auxiliary members, contractors, and the general public. Smoking outside of facilities will be in a designated area established by the Fire Chief and agreed upon by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Tobacco chew products are prohibited in all locations within buildings owned, leased, or controlled by the Fire District.

It will be further prohibited to smoke, vape, or use tobacco chew products or allow anyone to smoke, vape, or use tobacco chew products in a Fire District-owned, leased, or controlled vehicle.

PROCEDURE

Smoking and vaping outside of the building will only be allowed only in designated smoking areas, which are as follows:

- Station #1 – Smoking and vaping are allowed only in the southeast corner of the building (entrance by the training room) between the doorway and the driveway.
- Station #2 – Smoking and vaping are allowed only outside of the back door (door must be kept closed)
- Station #3 – Smoking and vaping are allowed only outside of the back door (door must be kept closed)

Smoking and vaping are prohibited in any other outside areas.

When smoking in the designated areas at each location, cigarette butts are to be disposed of properly and not thrown anywhere on the grounds. Waste products from chewing tobacco may not be deposited anywhere on fire district property.

No smoking or vaping will be near the fuel system at the rear of station #1.

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FIRE SCENES

No smoking, vaping, or use of tobacco chew products allowed at the scene of an incident attended by firefighters and auxiliary members of the Fire District. This also applies to mutual aid assistance received by the Fire District.

In the event that we are at the scene for an extended period, smoking, vaping, or using tobacco chew products will be permitted away from the scene of the incident at the discretion of the Incident Commander and/or a Safety Officer. Tobacco butts, vaping containers, and tobacco chew products will be disposed of properly. Tobacco chew products will use a “spit cup” and then be disposed of properly before exiting a scene or facility.

The incident Commander also has the right to rescind this privilege at the scene at any time they feel it necessary.

The enforcement of this policy shall be the responsibility of the Board of Fire Commissioners, the Fire Chief, and the Assistant Chiefs. Failing to take action by any Chief Officer may also subject them to discipline.

Failure to comply with all of the components of this policy may result in disciplinary actions, up to and including termination as an employee of the Fire District or volunteer member of the Fire Department.

This policy was adopted on August 23, 2023, and supersedes any previous reversion of this policy.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Endwell Fire District.

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