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| UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD POLICY MANUAL | |
| Chapter 1 <i>Governance and Board Policies</i> | Section 2 <i>Scope and Application</i> |

Relevant Information: This Board Policy Manual is intended to serve as the primary resource for all matters relative to UFA policy. However, no policy manual can anticipate the full range of topics and situations that may arise. As new issues arise, new policy is established and/or existing policy modified. While these policies are intended to provide clear and consistent direction, the Board may, at its discretion, deviate from these policies if the current policy is found to be inappropriate. In such cases, the decision should be documented and a determination made if the current policy requires modification. The Board Policies provide guidance to the Fire Chief so that the Fire Chief may create administrative and operational policies and procedures with greater detail and specificity to carry out the Board's goals.

Policy Statement: It is the policy of the Board to authorize the Fire Chief to interpret and apply these Board Policies within their written and stated intent and that deviation from these policies may only be applied in an emergency or to avoid a hardship. Except for those policies and procedures governing the operation of the Board itself, the Fire Chief is authorized and directed to prepare operational policies and procedures, as necessary, to implement these Board Policies.