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Augusta Fire and Lexipol begin updating Department's Policy and Procedure Manual

AUGUSTA, GA (July 12, 2022) – To enhance the safety and emergency operations conducted by Augusta, Georgia, firefighters, the Augusta Fire Department (AFD) is announcing that it and Lexipol have formally begun updating the AFD Policy & Procedure Manual.

One of Fire Chief/EMA Director Antonio Burden's initial priorities was to update the Policy & Procedure Manual to meet three pillars: Safety for the firefighters, Sustainability of the policies, and the manual would meet current State laws.

Last year, Augusta, Georgia, firefighters responded to more than 23,000 emergencies. The Augusta Fire Department/EMA has a new resource to help ensure consistent and safe responses.

Lexipol is the nation's leading content, policy, and training platform for fire departments. Lexipol will provide the Augusta Fire/EMA with more than 165 state-specific policies for high-risk operations that are continuously updated to meet changes in laws and best practices. The new manual will be delivered through an online platform and mobile app, so firefighters can access the department's policies while on scene.

"I am happy to announce that the Department is taking the next step with Lexipol on this necessary process," said Fire Chief/EMA Director Antonio Burden. "This is a critical step I identified early on that will help firefighters/EMTs continue to enhance those critical emergencies services we provide to the citizens."

In addition to the new policies, firefighters can complete real-world, scenario-based Daily Training Bulletins that help ensure policy accountability, application, and understanding.

A 2021 internal survey found that 99% of Suppression participants wanted the current Policy & Procedure Manual to be updated.

Augusta Fire joins more than 8,100 agencies and municipalities nationwide serviced by Lexipol.

If any media outlets need more information, please contact the Augusta Fire/ EMA Department Public Information Officer, Jason DeHart. You can reach him at jdehart@augustaga.gov or by phone at (706) 821-2489.



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