

Tempe Fire Department Policies and Procedures
Behavioral Component
Tobacco Cessation
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PURPOSE

To address the overall health and comfort concerns of Department members, to provide for a positive public image, and to encourage members to reduce or eliminate the use of tobacco products.

On Duty Use

The Wellness/Fitness issue takes a firm stand on tobacco use. Medical data clearly shows that tobacco is damaging to one's health, and the use is not compatible with a healthy fire service.

New firefighter recruits will sign a non-tobacco use agreement during their employment with the Tempe Fire Department.

If hired prior to the non-tobacco use agreement, members shall conform to the following guidelines:

Smoking

1. No smoking inside of Fire Department buildings with the following exceptions:
2. No smoking at anytime on fire apparatus/vehicles.
3. No smoking when out in the public.

Smokeless Tobacco

1. No spitting/use of spit containers inside of Fire Department buildings with the following exceptions:
 - Apparatus Room
 - Outside – Patios or Porches
2. No chewing tobacco when on fire apparatus/vehicles.
3. No chewing tobacco when out in the public or on emergency incidents.
4. No chewing tobacco when using self-contained breathing apparatus.

It is the tobacco user's responsibility to collect and properly dispose of their tobacco materials.

Cessation Programs

Cessation Programs are available through:

- Phoenix Fire Department Health Center
- Member's personal physician or health plan
- The Arizona Smokers Helpline at 1-800-556-6222