

SUBLIMITY FIRE DISTRICT

Operational Guide

SUBJECT: Chimney Fires	O.G. NUMBER:
PURPOSE: To describe the considerations for chimney fires	Original Date: 5/2298
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POLICY: Sublimity Fire Department will use the following procedures for chimney fire responses.

1. On arrival give size-up and establish command.
2. The heating appliance is to be checked first to determine interior size-up. Shut down the air inlets and/or extinguish the fire in the fire box if needed.
3. Check the stove pipe, connections and adjacent walls for excessive heating and/or problems.
4. Check the attic space and any void spaces that the chimney passes through. When checking the attic make sure you check the area around the chimney where it extends through the ceiling.
5. Using proper ladders, check the chimney from the roof for fire extension. Also, check down the chimney to determine if an active fire is present somewhere in it.
6. When checking areas of the chimney look for cracks where fire could have escaped the interior of the chimney.
7. If you have an active chimney fire and, it is contained in the chimney allow the fire to burn out under a controlled situation.
8. If you have an active chimney fire and the integrity of the chimney may not hold the fire, extinguish it with the CHIMNEY SNUFFER NOZZLE.
9. When using the chimney snuffer nozzle, attach it to a booster line and supply the water to it at 60 to 100 psi.
10. After you have determined the fire situation is controlled, advise the occupant to have the chimney cleaned and inspected for damage before it is used again.
11. IT IS NOT THE POSITION OF SUBLIMITY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CLEAN CHIMNEYS.

ADOPTED