

# Operational Changes – Glassy Mountain Fire Department - 03/19/20

The following changes to daily operations will be effective immediately:

1. Any and all training that requires personnel other than those on duty is cancelled through May 1st.
2. All Fire Inspections shall be suspended until further notice.
3. Friends and family members of employees are not permitted to visit any department facility other than to drop off supplies, etc. No visitors inside of the stations.
4. Contractors/vendors, other than for emergency repairs to mission-critical equipment or infrastructure will be not permitted in any department facility.
5. Any public will be restricted from entering any fire station and should be greeted at the doorway and provided directions, etc. outside of the facility. Medical emergencies presenting at the station will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.
6. When personnel fuel vehicles at local service stations, they shall don protective, disposable gloves and remove them after completion of fueling. Members shall clean their hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water as soon as feasible.
7. Personnel shall not accept any homemade meals or treats offered by the public until further notice. This does not include meals provided by local restaurants/eateries and delivered by others. However, personnel shall ensure any method or transport (box, bag, etc.) is disposed of immediately and personnel wash their hands thoroughly before eating.

I know some of these seem draconian in nature, however, this virus is spreading rapidly and we must do as much as possible to break the cycle of spreading this virus, and hopefully flattening the curve.

**Stay Home, Save Lives. Practice Social Distancing. Wash Your Hands. Don't Touch Your Face, Eyes, Mouth or Nose with unclean hands.**

**Thanks for all you! Stay Safe!**

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