

**SPOKANE VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**Board of Fire Commissioners**  
**Policy for Election and Term of Fire Commissioner Board Chair #014**

**Purpose:**

To establish a policy for electing a Board of Fire Commissioner's chairperson and establish a term of service for the chairperson.

**Authority:**

Revised Code of Washington Title 52 Fire Protection Districts

**Policy:**

RCW 52.14.060 defines the term of the Board of Fire Commissioners and the election process. The Board has established a process to elect a chairperson.

***I. Chairperson Election***

The Board of Fire Commissioners shall elect a chairperson by a majority vote at a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to be held the first meeting of January of each calendar year.

***II. Chair Term***

The term of the chairperson shall be from January through December of each calendar year. The chairperson who is elected by the Board of Fire Commissioners shall not serve for more than two (2) consecutive calendar years as chairperson. Thereafter, another member of the Board of Fire Commissioners must be elected to serve as chairperson during the present calendar year.

In the event of extenuating circumstances deemed valid by the board, this policy may be suspended by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners.

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