

- **Sec. 6-23. - Duties of fire chief.**

(a)

The fire chief shall have the general superintendence of all fire apparatus belonging to the town, and shall see that the same are kept in good order and repair, ready for immediate use.

(b)

He shall have the sole command at all fires over the deputy chief and assistant chiefs and other members of the fire department, and over all other persons who may be present at fires.

(c)

He shall direct all proper measures for the extinguishment of fires, protection of property, and preservation of order, and he shall enforce the observance of all laws, ordinances and regulations respecting fires.

(d)

If, at any fire he shall judge it necessary, in order to extinguish the same or prevent its spread, to demolish any building in town, he may require and cause such building to be demolished.

(e)

He shall report to the town annually, giving an accurate schedule of the engines and other apparatus under his control and the state and condition of the fire department generally.

(f) He shall perform such other duties connected with the fire department as the town may from time to time require.

(Code 1961, § 9-3)

- **Sec. 6-24. - Duties of deputy chief and assistant chiefs.**

It shall be the duty of the deputy chief and assistant chiefs to assist the chief in the discharge of his duties, to receive and communicate his orders at a fire, and to see that such orders are executed. In the absence of the chief, his duties and powers, in case of a fire, shall devolve upon the deputy chief, and in case of the absence of the deputy, said duties and powers shall devolve upon the next assistant chief present at such fire.

(Code 1961, § 9-4)

- **Sec. 6-25. - Powers of chief, deputy chief, assistant chiefs.**

The chief, deputy chief, and assistant chief shall severally have all power and authority necessary to preserve order and enforce their commands at fires, and they may use such force as may be necessary for that purpose, and may command and require the aid and assistance of any person in that behalf.

(Code 1961, § 9-5)

- **Sec. 6-26. - Duties of members at fires.**

Whenever a fire shall break out in the town, it shall be the duty of the officers and members of the departments to respond with their apparatus and proceed to the fire in as orderly a manner as possible. Upon all such occasions, they shall exert themselves in the most orderly manner possible and shall obey all orders in relation thereto which the officer in command shall issue. When their services at such fire are no longer required, they shall return to their quarters and put their apparatus in complete order.

(Code 1961, § 9-6)

- **Sec. 6-27. - Drills and inspections.**

The department shall be called out by the chief for the exercise and inspection of fire apparatus at such times and places as he shall appoint, and when so called out shall be under the direction of the chief, or, in his absence, deputy chief and one of the assistant chiefs.

(Code 1961, § 9-7)

- **Sec. 6-28. - Officers of fire companies.**

Each fire company shall consist of a captain, two lieutenants, a secretary, a treasurer and a steward. They shall be elected by the members of such company and shall hold office for one year or until they are removed and others are elected in their stead.

(Code 1961, § 9-10)

- **Sec. 6-29. - Removal of company officers, members.**

Any officer or member of any company may be removed or dismissed from the fire department by the fire chief, deputy chief and assistant chiefs for neglect of duty, disorderly conduct or disobedience to his superior officers.

(Code 1961, § 9-11)

- **Sec. 6-30. - Company records.**

The secretary of each fire company shall keep a fair and exact roll of the members of such company, with the dates of enlistment and discharge of each member, and a faithful record of the election of officers and of the delinquency of members, which records shall be open to inspection by the chief or his assistants at all reasonable times.

(Code 1961, § 9-12)