Policy Title: Tobacco Use
Section: Staff SOG’s
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Purpose:

This policy details the West Des Moines EMS position on tobacco use.

Policy:

1. Tobacco use is inconsistent with a professional image for the department as well as good personal health habits. Therefore, tobacco use, whether “smokeless” (chew or dip) or smoked (cigarettes or cigars) is prohibited except in designated areas located outside of City facilities.

2. The Fire Chief or his/her designee will designate an approved smoking area outside each Fire/EMS facility. Tobacco users are responsible for cleaning up all materials. Cigarette butts are to be properly disposed of and not left on the ground or pavement.

3. Tobacco use is strictly prohibited:
   - Inside any City facility
   - Inside any City vehicle
   - Anytime while at any emergency scene whether before, during, or after the emergency.
   - Anytime on duty or in uniform and visible to the public.