



Bensley-Bermuda Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc.  
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Serving the citizens of Chesterfield Count since 1954

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## SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

To protect and enhance the indoor air quality and to contribute to the overall health and well-being of all volunteers, patients and visitors, Bensley-Bermuda Volunteer Rescue Squad has established a policy to maintain an environment free of smoking.

Smoking of any kind is prohibited in all vehicles, enclosed living spaces, squad property and working areas of all buildings under the authority and control of the BBVRS Board of Directors.

All Volunteers are encouraged to embrace a healthy lifestyle and refrain from smoking for the benefit of themselves and all patients that are treated and transported by this agency. All Members will refrain from smoking at any time while on squad property, while participating in any duty activities or during official squad events.

This Smoke Free Environment Policy includes all traditional smoking products as well as the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems—also known as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-hookahs or e-pipes.

To date, e-cigarettes and similar devices are not regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and are not approved as smoking cessation aids. The FDA has, however, concluded that e-cigarette pose health risks and contain detectable levels of carcinogens and toxic chemicals. At this time, e-cigarettes are not considered a safe alternative to smoking, and no scientific evidence has shown that they help smokers quit. Until further research supports their safe use, they are prohibited by this policy.

This policy is established under the authority of the Board of Directors and is effective 01/01/2020. It will remain in effect until rescinded or amended by appropriate authority.

Members who choose not to voluntarily comply with this policy will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with established S.O.R.'s and by-laws. This can include potential suspension from the premises, suspension from duty activities, dismissal by the Board of Directors for probationary members, or referral to the membership-at-large for dismissal.

POC for this policy is the undersigned at: (804) 748-6122

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