

**CHAPTER 313  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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**313-01. Fire Chief; Term of Office.** The term of office for the fire chief shall be 4 years.

**313-03. Powers and Duties of Chief Engineer.** The chief engineer, and in the engineer's absence the assistant engineers, according to their rank, shall have command over all members of the fire department. It shall be the engineer's duty to look into the condition of all engines and other apparatus belonging to the city and used for the purpose of the fire department, and to report thereon annually, or so often as circumstances render it expedient, or when directed by the mayor or common council. And whenever any of the buildings or apparatus used for the purpose of the fire department require any alterations, additions or repairs, he or she shall report the same to the commissioner of public works or common council. He or she shall keep exact rolls of the respective companies, specifying the time of admission and discharge of each member. He or she shall also report all accidents by fire which may happen within the city, with the cause thereof, as well as can be ascertained, and the number and description of buildings destroyed or injured, together with the names of owners or occupants.

**313-07. Powers and Duties of Captain.** It shall be the duty of the captain of each company to see that the engines and other apparatus committed to his care, and the several buildings in which the same are deposited, and all things in and belonging to the same, are kept neat and clean and in order for immediate use. It shall also be their duty to preserve order and discipline at all times in their respective companies, and require and enforce a strict compliance with the city ordinances and the rules and regulations of the fire department.

**313-09. Oath of Office.** It shall be the duty of the chief engineer and each member of the fire department to be qualified by oath or affirmation that he will faithfully observe the constitution and laws of the state of Wisconsin, the charter and ordinances of the city of Milwaukee, and perform to the best of his ability all of the duties of his office; such oath or affirmation shall be filed in the office of the city clerk.

**313-11. Badges, etc.** The captain and members and the several companies regularly appointed shall wear such helmets, caps, badges or other insignia, as the chief engineer may direct.

**313-13. Training of Out-of-city Firemen.**

**1. AUTHORIZATION.** The chief of the fire department is authorized to permit the training of members of paid fire departments in the state of Wisconsin at the fire department bureau of instruction and training.

**2. WITH CITY CLASSES.** Such training shall be conducted only in conjunction with regular training classes now being conducted for members of the fire department at the discretion of the chief of the fire department without additional budget requirements and based on a minimum of interference with the fire department training program.

**3. FEE.** See s. 81-52 for the required fee.

## **313-15 Fire Department**

**313-15. Director of Fire and Police Alarm System.** The director of the department of public works operations division shall be the director of the police and fire alarm systems of the city, and shall have entire control and management of the construction, maintenance, repair work and maintenance related operation of the fire and police alarm systems, and all related records, apparatus, instruments, wires, cables, batteries, telephones, and signal stations, and shall see that the systems are at all times kept in proper working order.

**313-17. Jurisdiction.** The superintendent of the fire and police alarm systems shall also have jurisdiction of such other matters as may from time to time be placed in his charge by the common council.

**313-19. Power of Superintendent; Extra Help.** Said superintendent shall have charge of and control over all employes of the police and fire alarm systems engaged in the construction, maintenance, repair work and operation thereof; provided, that the chief engineer of the fire department shall continue to have charge of the operation, the chief operator and the operators of the fire alarm switchboard, and that the chief of police shall have charge of the operation of the chief operator and operators of the police alarm switchboard.

**313-21. Emergency Traffic Signal Preemption System.** 1. **RESPONSIBILITY.** The director of the department of public works infrastructure services division shall have responsibility for administration of the city's emergency traffic control system for use by fire department vehicles for emergency runs.

2. **ACCESS BY NON-CITY ENTITIES.** Any non-city entity desiring to access the city's emergency traffic signal preemption system shall first obtain authorization from the common council, which shall by resolution set forth the conditions for such participation, including the amounts that the entities will be charged.

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Abbreviations:

am = amended  
cr = created

ra = renumbered and amended  
rc = repealed and recreated

rn = renumbered  
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