**Fire Service Mission Statement Handout**

Write a mission statement for a fire department that includes the types of service that the department will deliver and to whom those services will be delivered. Your mission statement will provide purpose and direction. Be specific with your statement so that the people your department serves will know what services your department does and does not provide.

A mission statement should not limit what your fire department can do, rather it should emphasize what services your fire department provides to its community. Remember that universally the mission of the fire service is to “save lives and property,” and this message should be reflected in your mission statement.

Services commonly provided by fire departments include but are not limited to

* Fire suppression
* Rescue and extrication
* Fire prevention, inspection, and code enforcement
* Emergency medical services
* Public education

Use the mission statement given below as an example:

**The Midway Fire Department is organized to deliver fire prevention, fire suppression (extinguishment), and rescue services to the citizens of its protection area. This will include response to conduct vehicle extrication, hazardous materials mitigation, and basic life support emergency medical services. (Firefighter’s Handbook, 2008)**

You will be graded using the Writing Rubric on

* Assignment objective
* Context, Purpose, and Audience Awareness
* Language
* Organization
* Mechanics (spelling and grammar)