NEW CASTLE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION POLICY

All firefighters shall have their physical condition evaluated by the appropriate Department Medical Authority prior to participating in any Department activities, at the expense of New Castle Fire District #1 (The District).

Changes to a member's medical condition may be identified by the Medical Authority, the member or the Chief. In all cases, changes to a member's medical condition will be formalized by the medical authority and notice provided to the Chief.

Changes in medical condition identified by a Department Medical Authority:

The medical authority shall notify the Chief in writing regarding any change in a firefighter's classification. Simultaneous to notifying the Chief, the Medical Authority shall notify the firefighter in writing of the change in their classification along with what steps, if any, the firefighter may take to have their classification restored.

Changes in medical condition identified by a Firefighter:

The firefighter shall notify the chief in writing of their change in medical condition and any limitations on their fire department activities. The Chief will advise the Medical Authority who in turn will notify the firefighter and the Chief in writing of any change in the firefighter's classification and notify the firefighter what steps, if any, the firefighter may take to have their classification restored.

Changes in medical condition identified by the Chief:

If the Chief suspects a change in a firefighter's medical condition the Chief may require the firefighter to obtain medical clearance from the Medical Authority.

Any firefighter shall have the right to request that the Medical Authority contact their treating physician directly in order to help determine that the firefighter's medical classification can be raised. This request shall go directly through the Medical Authority.