

Section Q101 Professional Fire Department

Q101.1 Professional fire department required. A professional fire department shall be defined by [RCW 35.103.020](#) or [RCW 52.33.020](#) and be capable of occupant rescue using an aerial ladder fire apparatus compliant with NFPA 1901 at the time of manufacture, sufficient for the building's height.

Q101.1.1 Inspection of documents. Upon request, the *fire chief* shall provide to the *fire code official* the fire department's most current annual report complying with [RCW 35.103.040](#) or [RCW 52.33.040](#) for review of the following:

1. Policy statement – Service delivery objectives per [RCW 35.103.030](#) or [RCW 52.33.030](#)
2. Aerial ladder fire apparatus of sufficient capability for the building's height
3. Response times
4. Staffing levels
5. Certification and training of staff

Q101.1.1.1 Additional documents required. The *fire code official* shall be authorized to request from the *fire chief* any additional documentation necessary to determine the response capabilities of the professional fire department.

Q101.1.2 Performance Statement. The *fire chief* shall in writing, provide a statement to the *fire code official* attesting to the ability of the professional fire department to perform occupant rescue using aerial ladder fire apparatus of sufficient height, having a reasonable response time, in Group R-2 occupancies using the provisions of Appendix Q.

Q101.1.3 Alternative means of compliance. Mutual and automatic aid agreements used to fulfill the requirements of having a professional fire department with aerial ladder fire apparatus capable of response shall be *approved* by the *fire code official*.

Q101.2 Emergency preparedness required. Group R-2 occupancies using the provisions of Appendix Q shall comply with Sections Q101.2.1 through Q101.2.2.

[F] Q101.2.1 Fire safety and evacuation plans. An *approved* fire safety and evacuation plan in accordance with Section 404 of the *International Fire Code* shall be prepared and maintained.

[F] Q101.2.2 Emergency guide. Fire emergency guides shall be provided for Group R-2 occupancies. Guide contents, maintenance and distribution shall comply with Sections 403.9.2.2.1 through 403.9.2.2.3 of the *International Fire Code*.

Q103.3 Inspections. The *fire code official* is authorized to conduct inspections no less than annually to determine the extent of compliance with the provisions of the *International Fire Code* and to approve reports of inspections by *approved* agencies or individuals.