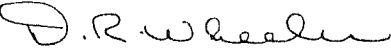


CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : C. A. Gimenez, Chief
Director of Fire, Rescue
and Inspection Services

DATE November 4, 1991 FILE :

SUBJECT Functional Authority

FROM : 
D. R. Wheeler, Chief
Firefighting Division

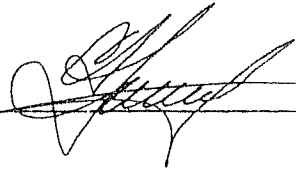
REFERENCES :

ENCLOSURES :

Clarification of functional authority needs to be addressed due to recent and upcoming promotions where we may have officers of the same rank riding an apparatus or captains of the same rank assigned to a fire station. Chief Mestas, the District Chiefs and I have discussed the situation and recommend the following.

1. Whenever officers of equal rank are assigned to the same apparatus, the commanding officer in charge will be designated by the Shift Commander, Rescue Battalion Captain or District Chief. He/she will have the functional authority for that apparatus.
2. Whenever officers of equal rank are assigned to the same station, the officer permanently assigned to that station, as the Shift Commander, will have functional authority at that station. District Chiefs will assign an officer as Shift Commander whenever the permanently assigned officer is not on duty.
3. District Chiefs, Rescue Battalion Captains and Shift Commanders will make every effort possible to avoid assigning members of equal rank to same apparatus or stations. This may require transferring members to different stations or districts.

Note: Functional authority is vested authority given by the Fire Chief to an individual based upon a particular function that an individual performs within the organization, irrespective of his/her rank.

Approved  11/6/91

DRW/megt