

	UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY INC. Best Operating Guidelines	
	Subject: Cellular Phone/Social Networking	BOG Series Operations
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Changes in technology, provides many useful benefits to Public Safety. If our technology is not used properly, it can create operational issues during our incidents.

Members **shall not** be allowed to use personal equipment (cell phones, camcorders, etc.) to take video or photos of incident scenes, patients or potential crime scenes, unless authorized by the Incident Commander.

Exception: Authorization can be given to someone by the Chief or the Incident Commander in Chief's absence to allow documentation of an incident; examples would be company photographer, or Company member or a photographer from another Emergency agency who knows about the disclosure issues. All equipment and files, shall be given to the Incident Commander or Chief soon after the incident.

This BOG is not intended to limit a member's right to free speech or expression, but we are a public entity, and we must ensure that the actions of our members during an incident do not interfere with the job that we are there to do.