CITY OF APPLETON POLICY	TITLE: ACCIDENT REPORTING A	AND INVESTIGATING
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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline responsibilities and procedures for supervisors and employees when involved in accidents or injuries on work time, prevent future accidents, and to meet Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration and State Department of Workforce Development recording requirements.

II. POLICY

The City is committed to working with its employees to provide a safe working environment and to manage and administer claims as a result of City accidents. In order to prevent accidents, timely and accurate accident investigation is essential. This policy provides guidelines for proper investigation. Failure to follow this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including discharge.

III. PROCEDURES

All City of Appleton employees and volunteers should adhere to the following procedures when an accident or injury occurs. All accidents and injuries must be immediately reported to the employee's supervisor and to the Human Resources Department. A supervisor must fully investigate the incident and work with his/her employee to complete and return an Accident Investigation Report (Exhibit A) to Human Resources within 48 hours of the accident or injury if:

- The accident involves damage to City property in excess of \$500
- There is an injury requiring medical treatment
- When the accident involves non-City employees or non-City owned property (even if there is no visible damage to the property).
- The accident occurs in the Public Right of Way.

If the accident does not meet the above criteria, the incident should be documented by completing the short Accident Reporting form (Exhibit D).

Should a supervisor have reasonable suspicion to believe that an employee is under the influence of alcohol or drugs and is involved in any motor vehicle accident, injury to themselves or others, or property/equipment damage, the supervisor should follow the procedures outlined in the City's Drug-Free Workplace policies.

A. Motor Vehicle Accidents

- 1. Immediately call 911 and report the accident to your supervisor.
- 2. Should a supervisor have reasonable suspicion to believe the employee is under the influence of alcohol or drugs or an accident involves an injury or more than \$500 worth of damage, the supervisor should follow the procedures outlined in the City's Drug-Free Workplace policies.
- 3. Post Accident Testing Employees who are involved in an accident while operating a motor vehicle or City equipment may be required to submit to testing based on the circumstances.
- 4. The filing of a State Accident Report is at the discretion of the Police Department, per State guidelines.

B. Injuries to a City Employee

- 1. When the injury occurs: the employee shall immediately notify his/her supervisor. The employee or the supervisor should also contact the Police Department if the injury is a result of a motor vehicle or domestic animal bite.
- 2. If immediate medical attention is needed, the employee or witness shall call 911 or Gold Cross non-emergency (920-727-3034). The employee's supervisor may also provide transportation.
- 3. Report Incidents to 800-321-OSHA (6742). All work-related fatalities must be reported within 8 hours. All work-related inpatient hospitalizations, amputations and loss of an eye must be reported within 24 hours. Fatalities or life-threatening injuries should be reported to the employee's department director and Human Resources (920-832-5838 or 920-832-6457) immediately.
- 4. If immediate medical attention is not needed, the employee may obtain treatment from his/her choice of medical providers. Employees must have a physician's authorization for time lost due to a work related injury.
- 5. If medical attention is sought, the employee must submit a return-to-work slip (Exhibit B) to their supervisor <u>prior</u> to returning to work.
- 6. If medical attention is not sought, the employee shall log the injury into the department's first aid log, which should be initialed by a supervisor.
- 7. If the incident includes a possible bloodborne pathogens exposure, refer to the City's Bloodborne Pathogen policy.
- 8. The City has the right to verify an injury/illness through an independent medical exam.

C. Injuries to the Public or Damage to Property Not Owned by the City of Appleton

- 1. All accidents resulting in an injury requiring emergency medical services to any person not employed by the City of Appleton or damage to property not owned by the City of Appleton should be immediately reported to 911, the employee's supervisor and the Human Resources Department.
- 2. Employees should not admit liability, discuss City operations or comment on any incident or accident involving members of the public.
- 3. If a citizen wishes to file a claim against the City, he/she should be directed to the City Clerk's Department of the Clerk's Department of the Will forward the claim to the Human Resources Department for follow up and response to the claimant.

D. Damage to City Property or Equipment

City owned automobiles and property that are damaged by fire, theft, vandalism, etc., are considered property damage claims. All damage should be reported to the employee's supervisor immediately.

- 1. If vandalism or a theft loss occurs, notify the Police Department.
- 2. If fire occurs, notify the Fire Department.
- 3. Damage estimates will be required if repairs are needed.
- 4. If the damage is \$500 or more, the supervisor will investigate and return the completed City Accident Investigation Report (Exhibit A) to the Human Resources Department within 48 hours.
- 5. If the damage is under \$500, the supervisor should complete Appleton's Accident Short Form (Exhibit D) and forward a copy to the Human Resources Department.
- 6. Any monetary recoveries shall be reported to the Human Resources Department and sent to the Finance Department.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The Human Resources Department is responsible for:

- 1. The overall coordination of the accident investigation program, including:
 - a. Monitoring and reviewing all investigations to ensure accuracy and prompt response.
 - b. Providing technical assistance to supervisors when needed.
 - c. Offering training for all individuals who conduct accident investigations.
 - d. Following up to see that recommendations made as a result of an investigation are evaluated and that an appropriate course of action is taken.

B. Each Department Director (or designee) is responsible for:

- 1. Ensuring that an investigation is completed for every work injury or accident that involves his/her employee(s), and reviewing all investigations to ensure accurate and prompt response.
- 2. Evaluating recommendations that come out of each accident investigation and taking appropriate actions to prevent future accidents.
- 3. Following up to see that corrective action is implemented.

4. Ensuring all departmental accident investigation forms are completed and submitted within 48 hours to Human Resources.

C. Supervisors are responsible for:

- 1. Promptly reporting all accidents to Human Resources. Contacting Human Resources as soon as possible if a serious accident occurs or if the employee seeks medical treatment or misses work due to an injury sustained on the job.
- 2. Investigating and documenting all accidents properly, including completing and submitting the City's Accident Investigation Report (Exhibit A) within 48 hours to Human Resources.
- 3. Working with the Human Resources Department, the employee and his/her medical provider to return the employee to work on restricted or full duty.
- 4. Obtaining the employee's completed Return-to-Work Slip (Exhibit B) prior to the employee returning to work. The supervisor should forward this form to Human Resources upon receipt from the employee or employee's physician.
- 5. Supervisors may choose to use Exhibit C to assist them when investigating an accident or injury.

D. Employees are responsible for:

- 1. Reporting all accidents immediately.
- 2. Cooperating fully with a City investigation.
- 3. Working with his/her supervisor to complete and submit the Accident Investigation Report (Exhibit A) to Human Resources within 48 hours of the accident or injury.
- 4. Providing a completed Return-to-Work slip (Exhibit B) to his/her supervisor prior to returning to work if he/she sought medical treatment or missed work due to an accident or injury sustained on the job. If the injury or accident results in an extended absence, the employee is required to keep in contact with his/her supervisor and/or HR Generalist to keep the City informed of his/her progress and anticipated treatment plan.
- 5. Ensuring that a supervisor initials his/her first aid log entry if the employee chooses to not seek formal medical treatment.

Exhibit A

REPORT INCIDENTS TO 800-321-OSHA (6742). ALL WORK-RELATED FATALITIES MUST BE REPORTED WITHIN 8 HOURS. ALL WORK-RELATED INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATIONS, AMPUTATIONS AND LOSS OF AN EYE MUST BE REPORTED WITHIN 24 HOURS.

THIS REPORT MUST BE SENT TO HR AND DIRECTOR WITHIN 48 HOURS. FAX TO 832-5845

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Home Address			City		State	Zip	Home Tel	lephone Number	
Date and Time of	Incident	Date Incident Was	Reported		Departm	nent and Job Title			
Specific Location	of Incident (Dept., St	treet, Road):							
Witness(s):				2:				City Vehicle Number	
1.									
Did the emplo	yee receive trea	om work due to tment? Yes	□ No	_ Doctor	·;	Last day w			
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 When Injury/Illness occurs on the job, Supervisors will: Determine the extent and nature of the injury/illness. See that proper first aid is administered. Activate EMS (911), if necessary. In case of fatality or serious injury notify Human Resources Department immediately 832-5838 or 832-6457. Accompany the employee to a doctor if the employee is unable to drive or call Gold Cross Medical Transport 727-3034. If not an emergency, send a return to work form with the employee. 					 Complete Appleton's Investigation Report. Determine the cause of Incident and correct the hazard to prevent recurrence. Replenish the first aid supply after use. Advise Human Resources Dept. when an employee returns to work. Request a doctor's release before permitting return. Be sure the employee is capable of resuming his/her work. 				
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Head

EMPLOYEE'S ACCOUNT

Describe the Incident/ Include details:

Besch	ince the inchar	ing include details.
Where did this occur:		
When did this occur:		
What were you doing just prior to the inciden	nt:	
How did this incident occur:		
Can the employee and/or supervisor suggest of might make it less likely for a similar incident	•	procedure or improvements to equipment that, if made, e future?
Unsafe Practice Operating without authority Failure to warn or secure Operating at an improper speed Making safety devices inoperable Using defective equipment Using equipment improperly Alcohol/Drugs Suspected Overexertion Stress/Fatigue/Attitude Inadequate training		Failure to use PPE properly Improper loading or placement Improper lifting Improper position Servicing equipment in motion Inattention Horseplay Failure to comply with rules or procedures Other:
Unsafe Condition Inadequate guards or protection Defective equipment tools or material Congestion Inadequate warning Fire/Explosion hazards Poor housekeeping		☐ Inadequate ventilation ☐ Excessive noise ☐ Inadequate lighting ☐ Assault/Horseplay ☐ Weather ☐ Other:
The above statement is true and correct to the	best of my kn	owledge.
Signature:	Date:	Time:

SUPERVISOR ANALYSIS

1. Supervisor summary of the incident:	
2. What can be done to prevent this type of accident in the might make this type of accident less likely in the future?	e future? What improvements to equipment or procedures
3. Were you at the accident scene: before while oc	curring or after the incident?
4. Describe corrective action recommended or state why o	corrective action is not warranted?
Unsafe Practice Operating without authority Failure to warn or secure Operating at an improper speed Making safety devices inoperable Using defective equipment Using equipment improperly Alcohol/Drugs Suspected Overexertion Stress/Fatigue/Attitude Inadequate training	Failure to use PPE properly Improper loading or placement Improper lifting Improper position Servicing equipment in motion Inattention Horseplay Failure to comply with rules or procedures Other:
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EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE:	DATE:
SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE:	DATE:

REVIEWED BY DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	DATE:

ACCIDENT DIAGRAM

Motor \	Vehicle (Complete if No Police Repor	t) Personal Injury Personal	onal Prope	rty Damage
NARRATIVE:	AID FOR DIAGRAMMIN Show vehicles: City "A" & Other "B" Label vehicles (A & B) Label street signs/type of sign/ locations Location of accident	☐ Major reference points ☐ Location of victim/victim injuries		
Witness:		Phone:		
Address:		City:	State:	Postal Code:
Witness:		Phone:		
Address:		City:	State:	Postal Code:

WITNESS REPORTING FORM

Name:		Date:	
Address:		Time:	AM/PM
Phone:		Interviewer:	
City Employee: Yes No			
Were you at the accident scene:	Before accident occ While accident wa After accident occ	s occurring	
Who was involved in the accident?			
Where did the accident happen?			
When did the accident happen?			
How did the accident happen?	_		
Describe in detail the events that occur	urred before the accide	nt as you ren	nember themaccident as you observed it:
In your opinion, what were the major	contributing factors w	hich caused	the accident?

(Use back for diagram if necessary.)

PROPERTY DAMAGE INCIDENT

Instructions:							
City property only	1. If over \$500, investigate and report to Human Resources Department.						
	2. If under \$500, complete Appleton's Accident Short Form (Exhibit D) and forward to	Human Resources.					
Private property involved	1. Must be investigated by Supervisor.						
	2. Notify Human Resources Department within 24 hours.						
	3. Copy of report to Human Resources Department within 48 hours.						
	4. Report to Department personnel responsible for claims.						
Property Damaged:							
City Equipment Invo	olved (No.):						
Nature of Damage:							
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Estimated Cost:							
Estimated Cost.							
Owner Name:							
Address:							
City:	State: Postal Code:						
Phone:							
Insurance Company:	:						

INJURY/PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY ACCIDENT

Complete if No Police Report for each person claiming injury or property damage. Use a second form if necessary.

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ALL REPORTS FOR CITY VEHICLE ACCIDENTS (EXCEPT VALLEY TRANSIT) MUST BE FAXED TO CEA (832-5570).

MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENT **Complete if No Police Report** TYPE OF ACCIDENT **Collision With** Type of Collision Pedestrian/Bicycle Accident Other Vehicle **☐**Side Swipe Angle In Crosswalk **□**Near Curb Pedestrian ☐Rear End Head on City Vehicle ☐ Turn Right **■** Broadside Mid-Block Fixed Object ☐Turn Left Backed up Marked Trail VEHICLE VEHICLE **VEHICLE MOVEMENTS** City Other City Other **Direction Traveled Stopped** MPH Slowing/Stopping **Estimated** speed when danger first noticed? MPH **Estimated speed at time of accident?** MPH MPH **Changing Lanes Turning** Type of signal given by City vehicle? П Pulling into curb Type of signal give by other vehicle? Pulling away from curb Moving straight in its lane П Merging CITY VEHICLE INVOLVED (NO.): **Backing Parking** \Box Other: TRAFFIC & ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS Traffic Controls City Other Vehicle Weather Street Conditions Light **Exterior Lights** Stop Sign Overcast Dry Daylight On Off П Signal Fair Muddy Dark Yield Rain ☐Snowy/Slushy Dark w/Street lights Interior Lights Flagman/Police Officer Fog Slick/Oily □Dawn On Off Snow П П R.R. Crossing Wet Dusk Barricades Sleet ☐ Icy Warning Lights

ALL REPORTS FOR CITY VEHICLE ACCIDENTS (EXCEPT VALLEY TRANSIT) MUST BE FAXED TO CEA (832-5570).

Other:

On Off

Other:

Other:

None

Exhibit B

Employee Return-to-Work Form

EMPLOYEE WORK RESTRICTIONS

Pa	tient Name:											
Cu	Current Job: Part Time \(\text{1}^{st} \) Shift \(\text{Sun.} \) Thurs. \(\text{D} \)											
Ph	ysician Name (please	e print):										
Ph	one:	Fax:										
Da	nte you saw patient: _		Time In:	Injury Date:		Full Time□ 2: Seasonal □ 3: Temporary □ S	d sl	nift [⊐ Tι	ies 🗆		
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Exhibit C

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATOR'S CHECK LIST

	Time	AM/PM Date
A.		Make visual check to see if scene is properly protected against further accident situations. Call Police if necessary. Treat injured.
В.	34	
C.		
	Where di	id it happen?
	happened	it happenDescribe what 12.
	What cau	used it to happenWhere there any observable causes or contributing factors (such as weather conditions,
		s responsible?
	How cou	ld-Are there ways a similar incident could be avoided-or corrected?

Exhibit D

ACCIDENT REPORTING SHORT FORM

PROCEDURE:

- 1. Complete this form for all incidents which result in damage to City property estimated under \$500.
- 2. The City of Appleton Accident Investigation report (long form) should be completed for injuries that result in seeking medical attention (other than first aid), damage to City property estimated over \$500, or when there is any damage to non-City owned property.

EMPLOYEE ACCOUNT SUMMARY Employee name:				
Date/time of incident:	Vehicle #:			
Location of incident:				
Describe how the incident occurred:				
Describe any injuries you received (if applicable).				
Describe damage to City property (if applicable).				
*Once completed, this form should be e-mailed to your supervisor for final completion. To e-mail, click the				
Microsoft Office Button (upper left hand corner), point to Send, as	nd then click E-mail .			

SUPERVISOR ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Name of Supervisor:

Incident # (applicable for Police personnel only):

Describe how this incident occurred.

Describe corrective action recommended or state why corrective action is not warranted.

*Once completed, e-mailed to Human Resources (humanresources@appleton.org). To e-mail, click the Microsoft Office Button (upper left hand corner), point to Send and then click E-mail or save the document and attach to an email that you prepared.