

DRIVER / OPERATOR STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

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I. Scope

This standard applies to all members who drive or operate a motorized vehicle owned or used by the department.

A. Establish minimum standards for members who are allowed to drive or operate a motorized vehicle.

B. Establish minimum safety regulations for the operation of a motorized vehicle.

II. General

A. Driver's license:

1. All members of the department shall have a valid driver's license.

2. All members shall furnish proof of their valid license anytime that they are requested by the fire chief to do so.

3. Members shall report any change in the status of their driver's license to the fire chief.

4. Any member who has their license suspended shall notify the fire chief immediately and shall not be allowed to drive or operate a vehicle until their license has been restored.

B. No member shall be allowed to drive or operate a department vehicle unless they have successfully completed the Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOOC) for the class of vehicle they choose to drive, and they are a released operator.

C. All vehicles shall be operated in a safe and prudent manner, and all drivers shall comply with all traffic laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the department.

D. No driver shall move a vehicle until all persons in it are in an approved riding position and are properly secured.

E. A driver shall not back a vehicle unless their view is clear and unobstructed. Apparatus shall not be backed unless there is at least one spotter to the rear of the apparatus to assist in the operation.

III. Responsibilities

A. Drivers shall be directly responsible for the safe operation of their vehicles in all situations.

IV. Accidents

A. The driver of a fire apparatus shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency and the fire chief if they are involved in an accident. A memorandum of information concerning the accident shall be forwarded to the fire chief.