



Driving and Riding Apparatus

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1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. To provide a set of guidelines on individuals aboard apparatus operated by the Taylors Bridge Fire Department.

2.0 Requirements

2.1. Riding on Apparatus

- 2.1.1. All riding personnel on any fire department vehicle shall be seated and belted in. It is the responsibility of the driver to see that this is carried out.
- 2.1.2. There shall be no tailboard riding on any fire department vehicle.
- 2.1.3. Only Firefighter personnel are allowed to ride apparatus. Civilians are **NEVER** to respond on emergency calls regardless on the situation.
- 2.1.4. It is acceptable for firefighters from other departments to board on condition that the Officer in charge is comfortable with their capabilities.
- 2.1.5. During special ceremonies and parades, civilian personnel may board the apparatus provided there is a seat belt for the individual. However, if a call is dispatched, these persons **MUST** be removed from the apparatus before responding.

2.2. Driving Apparatus

- 2.2.1. All drivers **MUST** be over the age of twenty-one (21) before driving any fire department vehicle.
- 2.2.2. All drivers must understand, and be able to operate that vehicle in its entirety, before driving it.



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- 2.2.3. All drivers are responsible for the vehicle they are driving while out, and must be with that vehicle, unless relieved by Incident Command at the scene.
- 2.2.4. No vehicle shall carry more personnel than the seats available in that vehicle.
- 2.2.5. When going to and returning from a call, or driving any fire department vehicle in a non-emergency, the driver will abide by all traffic regulations.
- 2.2.6. All drivers must leave the building with a fire department vehicle at no more than an idle of the vehicle.
- 2.2.7. All drivers of fire department vehicles backing into the station must do so at no more than an idle; driver window must be down, with warning lights on until out of the street. There shall be a spotter, in back of the vehicle to watch him in. For safety reasons, if a spotter is not there, vehicle must stop.
- 2.2.8. Wait until apparatus is clear on the station before communicating with dispatch on the radio.