



Wyckoff Fire Department Standard Operating Guideline

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PURPOSE: The operation of fire apparatus requires proper training in the use of the vehicle in addition to concern for the safety of all members riding on board. There are many considerations and decisions to make while operating a vehicle and a need for uniformity exists.

OBJECTIVE: To ensure safe operation and utilization of fire apparatus, the following guidelines have been established. Proper utilization of these guidelines will help to promote safety while operating which is needed in order for the Department to fulfill its objectives.

GUIDELINE:

- (a) The driver should be knowledgeable of both his route and likely road conditions as well as any considerations to be taken for apparatus placement for the tasks he will be expected to perform. The officer may decide to alter the driver's route due to tactical considerations.
- (b) Drivers shall not move the apparatus until all personnel are seated and secured in approved riding positions.
- (c) Drivers shall obey relevant law enforcement and traffic regulations
- (d) All drivers will be required to stay with their apparatus until such time as they are relieved or otherwise instructed by an officer.
- (e) In the event there is not an officer present the driver shall be in command of their apparatus and personnel responding on the apparatus. He will remain in command until he either transfers his command to another more qualified member or is relieved by an officer. He may also assign someone to sit in the passenger seat and operate the radios and warning devices while in route.
- (f) Backing of apparatus will be conducted using spotters that maintain eye contact between driver and spotter. If the driver loses sight of the spotter he shall stop immediately until the spotter becomes visible again.