

City of Belleville Fire Department

Number: 8004

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department to ensure all personnel receive driver and operational training of all Fire Department vehicles.

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GUIDELINE

1:00 **Purpose:**

1:01 To provide safe, efficient and practical driving strategies that reduces the risk of a collision when emergency response driving.

2:00 **Procedures:**

2:01 **Rotation:** Captains/Officers in Charge are responsible for ensuring their crew members follow the outlined monthly vehicle driving/riding rotation (see table below). This monthly rotation will ensure each crew member is adequately trained to drive and operate each vehicle in a safe and proficient manner. The rotation is at the discretion of the Captain/Officers in Charge based on each crew member's service time and familiarization of vehicles.

2:02 Captains/Acting Captains shall ensure new personnel receive adequate driver and operational training so they can be assigned to the monthly vehicle driving/riding rotation schedule.

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- 2:03 **Responding:** All passenger doors of vehicles must be kept **CLOSED** whenever the vehicles are parked in the Fire Halls. All equipment must be stowed in compartments and compartment doors must be kept **CLOSED**, unless there is a specific and necessary reason for a door to be open.
- 2:04 All personnel including the Duty Officer must wear their seat belt at all times when in the apparatus including when **responding to an emergency incident**.
- 2:05 The driver of a vehicle must ensure that Fire Hall doors are **FULLY OPEN** before the vehicle is put in motion.
- 2:06 Headlights, Flashing Lights, Light Bars, etc must be turned on prior to leaving the hall. Sirens and air horns shall be used with discretion, depending upon the time of day, weather and traffic conditions and the nature of the emergency. Siren use must never compromise the safety of responding crews.
- 2:07 Posted speed limits may be exceeded when responding to emergencies, providing conditions are such that higher speeds may be accomplished safely. Regardless of speed or driving conditions, adequate stopping distances shall be maintained at all times. Drivers shall exercise extreme caution when approaching intersections and be prepared to stop to avoid collisions.
- 2:08 Fire Department vehicles responding to an emergency may proceed through a red light, **PROVIDING** lights and sirens are operating, the vehicle comes to a **FULL STOP** at the intersection and then proceeds with due caution providing all other traffic has yielded the right of way. In multiple lane intersections the vehicle must stop at each lane of traffic before proceeding to insure that the traffic is aware and has yielded to the emergency vehicle in that lane.
- 2:09 During an emergency response, Fire Department vehicles should avoid passing other Department vehicles. If unavoidable, the passing arrangement **MUST** be conducted via radio communications.
- 2:10 It is the responsibility of the drivers of all Fire Department vehicles to adhere to the Highway Traffic Act at all times.

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3:00 **Scope:**

3:01 It shall be the responsibility of the Captain/ Officer in charge of each shift to ensure that this guideline is explained and followed.

3:02 It shall be the responsibility of **all employees** to understand and adhere to this guideline.

Table From 2:01

STATION 1	STATION 2
Driver of Pump 711	Driver of Pump 721
Side of Ladder 716/Rescue 715	Side of Ladder 726
Side of Ladder 716/Rescue 715	Driver of Ladder 726
Driver of Ladder 716/Rescue 715	Side of Pump 721
Side of Pump 711	Side of Pump 721
Side of Pump 711	

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