

ESCAMBIA COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE

Standard Operating Guidelines

3200.010

Driver/Operator

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PURPOSE:

Escambia County Fire Rescue has various levels of certification of its members, and various complements of response on emergency apparatus. All members need to know the limitations and operational requirements for deployment of those members.

OBJECTIVE:

To define the roles and responsibilities of non-certified or certified personnel that no longer wish to engage in firefighting activities yet meet the requirements to drive/operate apparatus as official driver/operators in the department.

SCOPE:

All Driver/Operators

REQUIREMENTS:

- Valid driver's license
- Driver/operator's must have an acceptable driver's history report reviewed prior to beginning a driver's training program and approved by the Battalion Chief or District Chief.
- Minimum of 21 years of age
- Successful completion of EVOG
- Prior approval by a Battalion Chief or District Chief
- Drivers must familiarize themselves with ECFR 3300 series SOG's, Florida Administrative Code 69A-62.021 and NFPA 1500 chapter 6.2 prior to beginning a driver's training program
- Driver/operator's must have 1-year prior fire experience
- Driver/operator's must complete an application, successfully pass an annual medical physical and annual background/driver's history report prior to operating any apparatus.
- Meet all requirements established by the driver's training SOG

OPERATIONS

All driver/operators are encouraged to be CPR certified

All driver/operators shall have a working knowledge of pump and hose operations and all equipment carried on the apparatus

Non-certified driver/operators will not participate in the exclusionary zone however certified driver/operators may assist with some fire ground operations as directed by the OIC

A driver/operator will not replace a certified firefighter except in the driver/operator position

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Driver/operators are encouraged to complete training on FIREHOUSE software in order to submit maintenance requests on apparatus as well as documenting truck checks and mileage reports

The sole responsibility of the driver/operator during an emergency response is to drive. The driver shall not operate the radio, lights, sirens or other equipment. If a "driver only" response is initiated, then a non-emergency mode shall be utilized when responding thus allowing the driver/operator to utilize the radio. Brush trucks are an exception to this statement.

The driver/operator shall contact the OIC to determine if a "driver only" response is needed prior to initiating a response

Driver/operators are responsible to report any expiration, suspension or revocation of licenses to the Battalion Chief or District Chief immediately. Personnel are forbidden to operate County vehicles without a valid driver's license

Use of all tobacco products is prohibited on or inside any County vehicle

PPE will be issued by the warehouse upon successful completion of the application process. Driver/operator's will be required to wear the issued PPE when on-scene

All driver operators must complete a minimum of 12 hours driver related training annually.