

ESCAMBIA COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE

Standard Operating Guidelines

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Vehicle / Apparatus Maintenance

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PURPOSE:

This procedure establishes standard and approved methods necessary for the proper maintenance of department apparatus and vehicles

OBJECTIVE:

A standardized and consistent procedure identifying responsibilities of personnel to maintain a safe and reliable fleet

SCOPE:

All Personnel

PROCEDURE

Each apparatus of this department assigned to a fire station for emergency response, standby, or garaging will receive inspection and maintenance on a scheduled basis. Apparatus and vehicles assigned to career stations will receive a daily inspection and maintenance. Apparatus and vehicles assigned to volunteer stations will receive at minimum a weekly inspection and maintenance. These inspection and maintenance activities shall be recorded in Firehouse software and a hard copy of the Firehouse inspection form maintained on record at the assigned station.

The lieutenants assigned to the apparatus will be responsible to ensure that the daily inspections and maintenance are completed as well as the Firehouse entry and completion of the hard copy Firehouse inspection form.

It shall be the responsibility of each driver/operator to maintain his/her assigned apparatus or vehicle in a complete state of readiness at all times. This is to include the cleanliness of the apparatus or vehicle as well.

Refer to SOG 1215.005 Staff Vehicle Use for staff vehicles permanently or temporarily assigned to department personnel.

The District Chiefs shall be responsible to ensure that the weekly inspections and maintenance are completed as well as the Firehouse entry and completion of the hard copy Firehouse inspection form. They will also be responsible to see that all equipment under their supervision, permanently or temporarily assigned, is always maintained, and kept ready to respond.

The Battalion Chiefs shall be involved in formal inspections and spot checks of all apparatus as a means of controlling apparatus cleanliness and readiness. This includes the monitoring of Firehouse entries and hard copies of the inspection reports.

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Any apparatus or vehicle with a defect that has an impact on operational safety will require that the apparatus or vehicle be placed out of service immediately.

For a list of additional out of service criteria as outlined in NFPA 1911 please refer to SOG Apparatus Out of Service Procedures.