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PURPOSE:

It is crucial that apparatus bay doors be used in an efficient and safe manner. It is understood that proper and timely closing of apparatus bay doors is vital for station security, every time personnel depart from the station.

OBJECTIVE:

To establish appropriate and safe procedures for operating bay doors, when apparatus are entering or departing from the station for any reason.

SCOPE:

All Personnel (Staff Vehicles Exempt)

BAY DOOR USE

Departing from the station:

- 1) The exit bay door shall be opened utilizing the wall mounted button (if not already open).
- 2) For emergency (responding) calls, stations equipped with traffic control signals shall activate them.
- 3) Once all personnel have boarded the apparatus and are seat belted in, the company officer will verify the door is completely open and give the driver operator verbal clearance to proceed to the front apron.
- 4) Once clear of the bay door, the apparatus will come to a complete stop.
- 5) Once the apparatus has come to a complete stop, the company officer will then, and only then, reach overhead to press the close button on the bay door remote control for the front bay door.
- 6) After the company officer confirms that the front bay has begun to close, they will give the driver operator the verbal clearance to proceed.
- 7) In the event that the apparatus is leaving quarters in driver only mode, the driver shall open the front bay door using the wall control button. After clearing the front door and parking the apparatus they shall return to the wall control button to close the front bay door. Driver only departures shall never utilize bay door remote controls at any time.



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- 8) At no time while the apparatus is in motion shall any member have the bay door control(s) in their hand, or their hand near the control(s). Bay door remote controls shall be mounted on the visor or above the company officer's seat only, to prevent accidental activation. At no time shall bay door remote controls be moved or used by any other riding position.

Returning to the station:

- 1) Upon arriving at the entry bay door, the apparatus shall come to a full and complete stop.
- 2) Once the apparatus has come to a complete stop, the company officer will then, and only then, reach overhead to press the open button(s) on the bay door remote control for the rear **and** front (if applicable) bay doors.
- 3) For safety, it is vital that the front entry door also be opened (if applicable), in the event of brake failure or the sudden need to pull through.
- 4) In the event that the apparatus is returning to a single entry (non drive-thru) bay, only the entry door will need to be opened.
- 5) After the company officer confirms that the rear and front doors (if applicable) are completely open, they will give the driver operator the verbal clearance to proceed.
- 6) Only after the apparatus has entered the bay clear of all doors with the brake set and engine shut down shall the bay doors be closed.
- 7) The bay doors shall be closed by the wall control button(s) only after ensuring the apparatus is clear of the door(s) and shut down. This practice will lessen the amount of exhaust (CO) in the apparatus bay.
- 8) In the event that the apparatus is returning to quarters in driver only mode, the driver shall open both doors (if applicable) using the wall control button(s). After parking the apparatus, setting the brake and shutting down, the driver will close all applicable doors via the wall switch. Driver only arrivals shall never utilize bay door remote controls at any time.

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Standard Operating Guidelines

1115.015

Bay Doors

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Additional considerations:

In addition to apparatus safety concerns, personnel must be able to visualize that no persons or other objects will be struck by the bay door before closing. This may require the member closing the door from a remote wall control button to walk over to check before pressing the button.

On Monday's, all "safety beam sensors" for the bay doors shall be tested. If found to be in need of maintenance or repair the Battalion Chief of Logistics shall be notified via-email.

For additional direction on bay door usage, not applicable to arrival or departure of apparatus reference ECFR 1115.010 Station Security.