

DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guideline

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Fire Chief Signature

DATE

Title: Moving and Driving Fire Apparatus

Reference: Official Code of Georgia Annotated 40-6-6 (2010) Authorized Emergency Vehicles

Scope: All Personnel

Guidelines:

1. While driving emergency in a fire apparatus (in accordance with O.C.G.A. 40-6-6)
 - a. May exceed the maximum speed limits so long as he/she does not endanger life or property
 - b. While passing, utilize a left side pass whenever possible, however the driver may choose the path of least resistance as long as he/she does not endanger life or property
 - c. The fire apparatus shall keep a minimum 4 second distance between the fire apparatus and the vehicle in front of it
 - d. While responding, all warning devices should be utilized including: warning lights, federal siren, electronic sirens, and air horn
2. Intersections during emergency response (in accordance with O.C.G.A. 40-6-6)
 - a. May proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation. The driver and officer should communicate that the intersection is clear.
 - b. If a traffic light is green or changing, the driver of the fire apparatus should slightly reduce speed below the posted speed limit while proceeding through the intersection. The driver and officer should communicate that the intersection is clear.

- c. During a right or left turn at an intersection, the driver and officer must use due regard while making a clear and safe turn. The driver and officer should communicate that the intersection is clear.

3. Backing Guidelines:

- a. While backing a fire apparatus, there should be a ground guide on the left side of the apparatus motioning the driver backwards. The ground guide should remain in the view of the left side mirror until backing is complete.
- b. The driver should monitor the left side mirror to watch the ground guide and the left side of the apparatus
- c. The officer should use due regard and either stay in the OIC seat and constantly monitor the right side mirror for any obstructions or get out and become a front ground guide
- d. The rear ground guide and the front ground guide officer may use the radio system to initiate a stop by having the radio lapel mic in hand while the apparatus is backing. A message of “STOP, STOP, STOP” should be announced over the radio in the case of a potential immediate collision.

4. Departing the fire station

- a. Make sure all apparatus doors are closed before moving.
- b. Clear all sides of the apparatus of any items/personnel and ensure a minimum 3 foot clearance before moving the apparatus.
- c. The driver and officer should visually check that the overhead door is completely stowed and it has not started to come down while slowly leaving the apparatus bay.

Official Code of Georgia Annotated (40-6-6)

O.C.G.A. 40-6-6 (2010)

40-6-6. Authorized emergency vehicles

(a) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle or law enforcement vehicle, when responding to an emergency call, when in the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, or when responding to but not upon returning from a fire alarm, may exercise the privileges set forth in this Code section.

(b) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle or law enforcement vehicle may:

(1) Park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter;

(2) Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;

(3) Exceed the maximum speed limits so long as he or she does not endanger life or property; and

(4) Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions.

(c) The exceptions granted by this Code section to an authorized emergency vehicle shall apply only when such vehicle is making use of an audible signal and use of a flashing or revolving red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet to the front of such vehicle, except that a vehicle belonging to a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency and operated as such shall be making use of an audible signal and a flashing or revolving blue light with the same visibility to the front of the vehicle.

(d)(1) The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons.

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Title: Chief on call notification

Scope: Suppression Division

Purpose: To assist the shift commander with procedures for notifying the on call chief of predetermined situations.

PROCEDURE:

The following situations shall prompt the shift commander to notify the chief on call. These situations are not to be considered all inclusive. It shall be the shift commander's discretion to notify the chief on call for any other noteworthy occurrences.

1. Any incident requiring deployment of a supply line, whether the line is charged or not.
2. Any incident which requires the use of two or more tanks of water from the apparatus.
3. Any injury to personnel that requires medical attention beyond care rendered by Dalton Fire Department personnel.
4. A fire related civilian injury or fatality.
5. Any accident involving Dalton Fire Department property. This would include motor vehicle accidents, or damage to physical property.
6. Any arrest or detainment of Dalton Fire Department personnel by law enforcement.
7. Any incident that will require enough personnel for an extended period of time to prevent proper response coverage.

All fires meeting the criteria above or noteworthy incidents shall be followed up by a media report at the earliest convenience of the shift commander.

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Title: Daily PPE Inspection

Reference: NFPA 1852: Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), 2019 Edition

Scope: Suppression Division

Procedure:

- A. All personnel assigned a riding position with an SCBA shall perform a daily inspection in accordance with NFPA 1852.
 1. This applies to seats without a dedicated SCBA. An SCBA from a compartment shall be inspected for immediate use.
- B. All personnel shall ready assigned Personal Protective Equipment for immediate use.
 1. PPE shall be arranged so it can be donned immediately upon receiving a call.
 2. Individual emergency escape system and other personal tools shall be inspected for operation.
- C. All personnel shall inspect for location and readiness of any tools that would be required immediately for his/her riding assignment.
- D. These inspections shall be done immediately after clocking in for duty. Pass-ons and other business should be done after these inspections and readiness to respond have been completed.