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## General Statement:

A) All members who are to operate any department apparatus in emergency mode shall;

- 1) Possess a valid Kansas driver's license (POLICY # 99-04-0011)
- 2) Be a member in good standing (POLICY # 99-04-0011)
- 3) Pass a department approved EVOC course at the earliest available class
- 4) Have good knowledge of location and operation of the equipment on the vehicle
- 5) Have a good knowledge of the response area
- 6) Pass the Departments approved driving skills competency course.
- 7) Pass the Departments approved pump operation practical evaluations

### Apparatus Training Steps and Requirements

## 1) Light Apparatus

#### Pick Up 405 and Pick Up 409

- A) Must have completed 6 months of the probationary period for new members and be recommended by the Training Lieutenant and/or the Fire Captain.
- B) Driving: Must be able to operate the vehicle in a safe manner. The trainee shall drive both pickups with a Driver/Trainer on the designated driving course. The trainee will spend a minimum of one hour driving the apparatus with a Driver Trainer.
- C) Must be able to operate pumps on both pickups. The trainee shall spend a minimum of 30 minutes training on pumps with a Driver/Trainer.
- D) Must be able to locate and operate all equipment on the vehicle.
- E) To become certified as a driver after all other requirements are met, the trainee must drive with a Driver/Trainer to a scene emergency traffic one time on either Pickup, if they feel the trainee can be released they can make a recommendation to the Training Lieutenant, and then signed approval by the Fire Captain for their release.

## 2) Specialty Apparatus

#### <u>Rescue</u>

- A) Must have completed the 1 year probationary period for new members. This can be waved based on past experience and the approval of the Fire Captain.
- B) Driving: Must be able to operate a vehicle in a safe manner. The trainee shall drive with a Driver/Trainer on the designated driving course. The trainee will spend a minimum of one hour driving the apparatus with a Driver Trainer.
- C) The trainee must be able to operate the pump. The trainee shall spend a minimum of 30 minutes training with a Driver/Trainer.



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- D) The trainee shall be able to operate all equipment located on the Rescue Squad. A minimum of two hours shall be spent learning this equipment.
- E) To become certified as a driver after all other requirements are met, the trainee must drive with a Driver/Trainer to a scene emergency traffic one time on Rescue. If they feel the trainee can be released they can make a recommendation to the Captain, and then signed approval by the Captain is required for their release.
- F) The trainee will have a current First Aid & CPR card, E.M.R., E.M.T., A.E.M.T. or Paramedic certification before they are allowed to certify or re-certify on the Rescue.
- G) Shall attend a department approved extrication course bi-annually to maintain driver certification.
- H) Rescue is required to have a minimum of two certified drivers on board the truck for all alarms.

#### Ambulances 450 and Ambulance 451

- A) Must have completed the 1 year probationary period for new members. This can be waved based on past experience and the approval of the EMS Captain.
- B) Driving: Must be able to operate the vehicle in a safe manner. Will successfully complete a driving course with EMS Captain or designated EMS Driver/Trainer.
- C) Must be certified on Rescue 407. This can be waved based on past experience and the approval of the EMS Captain.
- D) The trainee will successfully complete an EMS map test.
- E) The trainee should have knowledge of equipment location and operation.
- F) The trainee will have a current CPR/First Aid card, E.M.R., E.M.T., A.E.M.T. or Paramedic certification.
- G) The EMS Driver/Trainer will make a recommendation to the Training Lieutenant, and signed approval by the Fire and EMS Captain is required for their release.

## 3) Heavy Apparatus

#### **Tenders**

- A. Must have completed the 1 year as a certified driver/operator of light apparatus. This can be waved based on past experience and the approval of the Fire Captain.
- B. Driving: Must be able to operate a vehicle in a safe manner. The trainee shall drive with a Driver/Trainer on the designated driving course. The trainee will spend a minimum of one hour driving the apparatus with a Driver Trainer.
- C. Must be able to operate pumps on both tenders. The trainee shall spend a minimum of 30 minutes training on pumps with a Driver/Trainer.
- D. Must be able to locate and operate all equipment on the vehicle.
- E. To become certified as a driver after all other requirements are met, the trainee must drive with a Driver/Trainer to a scene hot (red light & siren) one time on either tender. If they feel the

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trainee can be released, they can make a recommendation to the Training Lieutenant, and then signed approval by the Fire Captain is given for their release.

F. It is recommended, <u>not required</u> that the driver operator obtain NFPA 1002(Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator) certification within 3 years.

#### **Fire Engines**

- A. Must have completed the 1 year as a certified driver/operator on light apparatus and 6 months as a Tender Driver Operator. This can be waved based on past experience and the approval of the Fire Captain.
- B. Driving: Must be able to operate a vehicle in a safe manner. The trainee shall drive with a Driver/Trainer on the designated driving course. The trainee will spend a minimum of one hour driving the apparatus with a Driver Trainer.
- C. Must be able to operate pumps on each fire engine. The trainee shall spend a minimum of one hour training with a Driver/Trainer on each fire engine pumping & drafting.
- D. Must be able to locate and operate all equipment on the vehicle.
- E. To become certified as a driver after all other requirements are met, the trainee must drive with a Driver/Trainer to a scene hot (red light & siren) one time on any engine. If they feel the firefighter can be released they can make a recommendation to the Training Lieutenant, and then signed approval by the Fire Captain is given for their release.
- F. To qualify on Engine 401, the trainee must have current certifications on Engine 402 and Engine 403.
- G. It is recommended, <u>not required</u> that the driver operator obtain NFPA 1002(Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator) certification within 3 years.

#### **Driver Recertification:**

- A. Driver Operators must re-certify every 2 years on each vehicle.
- B. Re-certification is accomplished by
  - 1) Successfully demonstrating the ability to driving the apparatus
  - 2) Successfully pumping and drafting the apparatus
  - 3) Successfully operate equipment on the vehicle
  - 4) Knowledge of where the equipment is located with a Driver/Trainer.
  - 5) Knowledge of the Fire response district.
- C. The Driver/Trainer can make a recommendation to the Training Lieutenant, and then a signed approval by the Fire Captain for their release
- D. All Driver Operators must complete an apparatus re-certification with a Driver/Trainer within 30 days of their expiration date.

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### **Drivers Course:**

From the MES building, travel east to Webb Road. Turn south on Webb Road back to K-15. Go south on K-15 to 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. North. Turn east to Oxford Rd. Go south on Oxford Rd to K-15. Practice a turn into a rural driveway and a graded railroad crossing while in this area. Take K-15 north to Rock Road. Go north on Rock Road to the High School. At the High School practice backing into a parking lot. Leave the High School and proceed south to 2<sup>nd</sup> & Main. Take K-53 to the Industrial Park. Turn around at Midwest Fastener and proceed back to the station. Refuel vehicle, back into proper stall, connect appropriate shorelines, and fill out driver's post-trip inspection.