

Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue

OPERATING PROCEDURE

No. 604

Apparatus Driver Release

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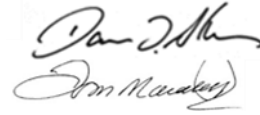
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PURPOSE

Provide a common minimal standard for driving and operating fire apparatus in Fauquier County.

SCOPE

This procedure applies to all operational personnel within the Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management and the Fauquier County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and its associated departments.

I. DEFINITIONS

- A. Driver/Operator – Any persons meeting the current qualifications to drive specified apparatus in each given area (Brush, Pumper/Tanker, Heavy Squad, Aerial/Ladder, Ambulance)
- B. Exception – Any persons released as a Driver/Operator prior to June 1, 2009
- C. Emergency Vehicle Operator Course – Virginia Department of Fire Programs or Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads Emergency Operators Course
- D. Violation – Defined by the Code of Virginia
 1. Class A – any violation that normally receives a license suspension from the Department of Motor Vehicles which issued the license.
 2. Class B – any moving violation or Point carrying violation, not considered a Class A violation. Speeding, unlawful lane change, and traveling too fast for conditions are all examples of Class B violations.

Desire to Serve

Ability to Perform

Courage to Act

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II. PROCEDURES

A. All Driver / Operators must comply at all times with these general requirements:

1. Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age to be released as an emergency Driver/Operator on all apparatus.
2. Must be a minimum of eighteen (18) years old to start training process for Driver/Operator Release in non-emergency role.
3. Maintain a valid driver's license.
4. Minimum of three years driving experience.
5. Emergency Vehicle Operators Course in the appropriate class for the vehicle being driven.
6. Completion of an approved agency driver / operator release program.
7. Demonstrate ability to conduct basic vehicle maintenance (check tire pressure, fluid levels, belts, etc)
8. Maintain a medical Physical as deemed appropriate by the Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association or Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management.
9. A Driver's history check completed annually.
10. All Driving violations by Driver/Operator must be reported within 24hours of receipt of violation
 - a. A Class A moving violation will result in a suspension of driving privileges for a period of eighteen (18) months.
 - b. A combination of two (2) Class B moving violation convictions and/or chargeable accidents in a three (3) year period will result in a written letter from the Chief Officer, or other designated supervisor.

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- c. A combination of three (3) Class B moving violation convictions and/or chargeable accidents in a three (3) year period will result in a ninety (90) day suspension from driving from the Chief Officer, or other designated supervisor.

III. VEHICLE RELEASE REQUIREMENTS

A. Ambulance

1. Log ten (10) hours of non-emergency drive time during release training
2. Complete EVOC Level II or Higher
3. See Annex A for detailed breakdown of Ambulance Unit training

B. Brush Units

1. Log ten (10) hours of non-emergency drive time during release training
2. Log four (4) hours of pump time (in house)
3. See Annex B for detailed breakdown of Brush Unit training

C. Pumpers and Tankers

1. Log ten (10) hours of non-emergency drive time during release training
2. Log six (6) hours of pump time (in house)
3. Complete Basic Pump Operator or Driver Pump Operator
4. Complete Rural Water Supply course
5. See Annex C for detailed breakdown of Pumper/Tanker training

D. Heavy Squads

1. Log ten (10) hours of non-emergency drive time during release training
2. Log six (6) hours of specialized equipment familiarization
3. Complete Vehicle Extrication course
4. Complete one (1) additional H.T.R. course
5. See Annex D for detailed breakdown of Heavy Squad training

E. Aerial/Ladder Trucks

1. Log ten (10) hours of non-emergency drive time during release training
2. Log six (6) hours of specialized equipment familiarization
3. Complete Aerial Operator course
4. Complete one (1) additional H.T.R. course
5. See Annex E for detailed breakdown of Aerial/Ladder training

F. Utility Vehicles

1. Log five (5) hours non-response time
2. See Annex F for detailed breakdown of Utility driver training