

Grissettown Longwood Fire & Rescue

Driver/Operator Program Part IV – Rescue

Overview

The Driver/Operator Preparation Program Part II is designed to standardize the training and release of driver/operators within the company; the intent is for personnel to progress, at their own pace, from smaller vehicles to larger, heavier apparatus. For all apparatus/vehicles, candidates will be evaluated and released by a line officer or designee.

Basic Requirements

Personnel successfully must meet the following requirements, by type of vehicle, to be eligible for release as a driver/operator:

Engine/Tanker/Rescue /Brush

- At least 21 years old and off probation
- Meet the requirements of NFPA 1002, *Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications for Apparatus Equipped with Fire Pump*
- Complete at least five hours of supervised non-emergency driving (Supervised by a designated evaluator)
- Complete an in-station test on the vehicle's inventory
- Perform a thorough apparatus check

Definitions

A. Proper Safety Gear – Helmet, gloves, and safety vest (minimum).

B. Engages Pump Properly – With the vehicle stopped, transmission in neutral, and the parking brake engaged, the candidate moves road-to-pump selector to the “pump” position, and shifts the transmission into the appropriate gear.

C. Checks Pump Engagement – Candidate checks the in-cab “OK to pump” indicator, checks speedometer, and taps the accelerator pedal.

D. Disengages Pump Properly – Candidate shifts transmission to neutral, ensures that the speedometer is at zero (and/or allows adequate time for gear rotations to stop), and moves the road-to-pump selector to the “road” position.

E. Charges/Shuts Down Lines Properly – Candidate opens and closes gates slowly; if possible, idles down before shutting down lines.

Procedure

A. Members will document all non-emergency driving using the “Driving Evaluation Form.”

B. Once the member has successfully completed the required non-emergency driving and in-station testing, the candidate will schedule evaluation by a line officer or designee.

C. Complete a Driver/Operator Authorization Form for each type of vehicle that a member is authorized to operate.

D. Note: Any “Improper” action(s) require an explanation in the comments section of the form.

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Non-Emergency Driving

Personnel must complete a minimum of five (5) hours of non-emergency driving over all types of road conditions within their first due area. The evaluator may require additional driving hours or driving beyond their first due area should performance indicate.

The driver/operator must demonstrate proficiency driving the apparatus in a non-emergency mode, traveling a route that includes a variety of road conditions.

Note: A Driving Evaluation Form must be completed by the evaluator after each non-emergency driving session.

Driving Evaluation Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Apparatus: _____ Time Start: _____ Time Stop: _____

Performance Criteria	Proper	Improper
Properly uses seatbelt		
Ensures proper seatbelt usage by passenger		
Operates and uses mirrors appropriately		
Operates vehicle with both hands on wheel while in motion		
Maintains safe following distances		
Maintains control of the apparatus while accelerating, braking, and negotiating turns		
Utilizes turn signals appropriately		
Maintains a reasonable speed for the road, and traffic conditions		
Maintains vehicle within driving lane at all times		
Operates the vehicle safely under the following conditions: gravel road, dirt road, narrow access, diminished clearance, and tight turns		
Operates the vehicle in compliance with all applicable state and local laws and departmental guidelines		
Brings vehicle to a stop in a controlled manner		

Comments: _____

Evaluator's Signature

Exercise 1: Set up and Operation of Rescue

Candidate: _____ Date: _____

Objective: To demonstrate the candidate's ability to successfully position, set up and operate the rescue truck.

Tasks	Proper	Improper
Positions rescue truck at appropriate angle to the incident in preparation of the use of tools or light tower		
Stops, shifts transmission to neutral, sets parking brake		
Dons proper safety gear		
Places wheel chock in proper position		
Turns on the generator for the light tower use (for night operations)		
Extends the light tower to appropriate height and direction to light up the intended scene		
Operates the scene lights (stationary and portable)		
Retracts light tower and returns to transport position		
Locates and operates (cranks) extrication pumps		
Deploys correct hydraulic tool for needed operation		
Retracts hoses and tools in stored position		

Comments :

Evaluator's Signature

**Rescue 31 Driver/Operator Preparation
Program Authorization Form**

Candidate: _____ Date: _____

	Initial	Date
Determination of Eligibility		
At least 21 years old		
Endorsed by a Line Officer		
Meet requirements of NFPA 1002, <i>Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/ Operator Professional Qualifications</i> for Mobile Water Supply Apparatus		
Released as an engine driver/operator		
Released for probation as an apparatus driver/operator for a minimum of six (6) months		
Practical Exercises		

Successful completion of in-station vehicle inventory test		
Successful demonstration of a thorough apparatus check		
Successful completion of in-station area familiarization test		
Successful completion of at least five (5) hours of supervised non-emergency driving		
Successful evaluation by a Line Officer or Designee		

Authorization

Signing below indicates that the above individual has successfully completed the requirements to be released as a driver/operator for engines/pumpers.

Chief's Signature