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**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, GLOUCESTER COUNTY
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FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICY # 15 - 98
regarding
ASSIGNMENT AND USE OF FIRE CHIEF VEHICLES

It is the policy of the Washington Township Board of Fire Commissioners, to provide vehicles for transportation necessary to carry out the responsibilities of Fire Chief for the Washington Township Fire Department. It is the purpose of this policy to establish guidelines for the assignment and proper use of these vehicles.

A Fire Chief's vehicle will be provided for the Chief of each fire company in the Washington Township Fire District and for the Commission-appointed Department Chief. Each Chief shall be responsible for the use of the vehicle in accordance with the guidelines enumerated below.

1. Chief's vehicles are provided solely for Fire Department business and Fire Department related activities. Fire Chief's vehicles are not intended for personal use.
 - a. Some examples of personal uses are described below.
 - i. Transportation to other than Fire Department activities beyond the boundaries of municipalities contiguous to Washington Township.
 - ii. Transportation of other than immediate members of the family.
 - b. The personal uses listed under Item (a) above are not all inclusive, but are intended to emphasize the position of the Board of Fire Commissioners relative to the general use of these vehicles, and each Chief shall be guided accordingly.
2. Fire Chief's vehicles are to be driven by the Chief or his designee only. Only Fire Department personnel are authorized to drive Fire Chief's vehicles, except in cases of emergency.
3. All persons driving a Chief's car must have a valid New Jersey drivers license, must be at least 18 years old, and must have successfully completed a National Safety Council "Defensive Driving Course."

4. Chiefs leaving the Township overnight or for more than one day at a time should pass the vehicle to the next line officer in the chain of command.
5. Chief's vehicles will not be used for pushing or towing other vehicles except when warranted due to emergency conditions.
6. Chief's vehicles are not intended for transportation of personnel to and from fire training schools. Exceptions may be permitted on a limited basis at the discretion of the Chief.
7. Chief's vehicles are to be used in a responsible manner, avoiding excessive speed and driving in areas that could cause damage to the vehicles.

Chief's vehicles are to be used according to the guidelines established in this policy. Personnel using Chief's vehicles in a manner contrary to these guidelines may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Section 7 of the Standard Operating Procedures.

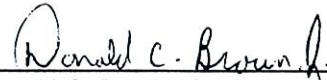
This policy was adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners on June 4, 1998.

BY:



Edwin L. Etschman, Chairman

Attest:



Donald C. Brown, Secretary

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