

SECTION II: FIREGROUND OPERATIONS AND FIRE RELATED DUTIES

2.4 DRIVER/OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.4.1 Apparatus drivers will be responsible for being familiar with the State of New Jersey traffic regulations.
- 2.4.2 Standard Response to an "**EMERGENCY**" scene: Drivers shall respond to emergency locations safely. All running lights and warning lights shall be on while responding to an emergency. All available audible-warning devices shall be used as necessary while responding to an emergency. Apparatus should come to a complete stop at all intersections with a negative right of way (red traffic light, stop sign, etc.) and give other motorists the opportunity to yield the right of way.
- 2.4.3 Reduced Speed Response to a Scene: When an order to respond at reduced speed is given, the commanding officer has evaluated and determined an emergency no longer exists as defined in Subsection 1.3.6. The apparatus so ordered, shall turn off all warning lights and audible devices and proceed to the scene obeying all traffic regulations.
- 2.4.4 Responsibility for Vehicle's Equipment: The driver is responsible for all equipment carried on his vehicle and shall ensure that all equipment is accounted for before leaving the scene of any assignment.
- 2.4.5 Duties on Location: Once on location, the driver of a vehicle is expected to perform all duties necessary for the proper operation of the pump, aerial device, or any other component on the apparatus. He shall remain with the vehicle until relieved or given other orders by the officer in charge.
- 2.4.6 Returning to Station: While returning to quarters following a response to an emergency alarm, all emergency warning lights and audible warning devices shall be off. Normal running lights shall remain on and all traffic regulations shall be obeyed when returning to the station.
- 2.4.7 Truck Reports: Upon returning to the station, the driver and his crew are responsible for returning the given vehicle to "ready" condition. This includes replacing hose, checking equipment and SCBA, and checking the mechanical operation of the vehicle. Vehicle Response reports shall be completed on the internal reporting system.

- 2.4.8 Use of Headlights: All vehicles shall have headlights on while on the road. In order to avoid blinding oncoming traffic, it shall be standard procedure to use low beams. High beams may be used at night if traffic conditions permit.
- 2.4.9 Flushing the Pump: If a pumper has been used at draft or received water from a pumper at draft, the pump shall be completely back-flushed before placing the truck back in service. If a pumper has used firefighting foam, the pump shall be completely flushed out before the pumper is returned to service.
- 2.4.10 Four Wheel Drive Operations: Power wagons shall be stopped and placed in four wheel drive for off-road operations as soon as they leave the paved roadway. Upon completion of the assignment, the vehicle shall be stopped and returned to two wheel drive before entering the paved roadway.
- 2.4.11 Fuel: Fuel tanks on apparatus should not be permitted to drop below half full (**recommended three quarters**). When this occurs, it is the driver's responsibility to take the vehicle for fuel.
- 2.4.12 Repairs to Apparatus and Equipment: If the apparatus or any of its equipment are in need of repair, it shall be the driver's responsibility to report on the type and extent of repairs needed using the internal reporting system.