

DAYVILLE FIRE COMPANY
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

Section: Apparatus

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SUBJECT: DRIVERS TRAINING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To describe the department Driver's Training Program.

DEFINITION:

The Driver Training Program has been established to insure that all new drivers have been adequately trained and are certified to operate the apparatus and to perform those operations in a safe and proficient manner.

The Chief will appoint a Drivers Training Committee. The Committee shall be made up of a minimum of three members of the company. The members will be known as Driving Instructor.

Qualifications to be a Driving Instructor:

- A QUALIFIED DRIVER ON THE APPARATUS THEY INTEND TO TRAIN ON.
- A QUALIFIED DRIVER FOR ONE YEAR.
- MUST HAVE A VALID CONNECTICUT LICENSE.
- MUST HAVE TAKEN OR PLAN TO TAKE WITHIN ONE YEAR THE DRIVER'S AWARENESS PROGRAM.

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Before any member begins the Driver Training Program, He/She must meet the following requirements:

- HE/SHE MUST SUBMIT IN WRITING A REQUEST TO THE CHIEF TO BEGIN TRAINING ON AN APPARATUS. THIS REQUEST WILL BE APPROVED OR REJECTED AT THE NEXT OFFICER MEETING.
- MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE.
- MUST HAVE A CURRENT DRIVERS LICENSE REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT TO OPERATE A VEHICLE HE/SHE WISHES TO BE QUALIFIED ON.
- HE/SHE MUST HAVE COMPLETED HIS/HER PROBATIONARY PERIOD. (This item may be waiver by the Chief)
- MUST SUBMIT TO A DRIVING BACKGROUND CHECK.

All members that participate in the Driver Training Program will be required to successfully complete all sessions of the program and pass any or all written, oral, and/or practical tests given for each piece of apparatus.

The following are requirements that must be completed by the Trainee:
NOTE: It is the driver trainees responsibility to schedule time with a Driving Instructor.

- A MINIMUM OF 8 HOURS OF DRIVING IS REQUIRED ON THE ROAD. THIS MAY BE ADJUSTED FOR TRAINEE'S WITH PRIOR EXPERIENCE.
- 2 OF THE 8 HOURS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ACCOMPLISHED AT NIGHT.
- 1 OF THE 8 HOURS MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH BUNKER GEAR ON.
- MUST DRIVE TO 2 EMERGENCY CALLS WITH AN OFFICER OR A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.

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- ET163, E163, R163, S163 AND R463 ARE THE ONLY APPARATUS THAT WILL BE ALLOWED.
- ONLY ONE HOUR OF DRIVING R163 and/or S163 WILL COUNT TOWARD THE REQUIRED 8 HOURS.
- TRAINEE MUST DRIVE WITH AT LEAST 2 DIFFERENT DRIVING INSTRUCTORS.
- TRAINEES MAY DRIVE WITH ANY OFFICERS WITH THE APPROVAL OF A DRIVING INSTRUCTOR THAT HAS DRIVEN WITH THE TRAINEE. THE OFFICER MUST BE A AUTHORIZED DRIVER OF STATED APPARATUS.
- THE TRAINEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO DOCUMENT THEIR TIME ON THE DRIVERS TRAINING LOG.

After the Trainee has completed the above requirements he/she must meet the qualification set forth on the Driver/Operator Requirements spec.

A Trainer and the Captain of the Company of the apparatus will have the responsibility of signing off the Trainee as a qualified driver.

IMPORTANT: Your right to drive an emergency apparatus may be taken away with any complains of reckless driving or any other unsafe act with an emergency apparatus. This right can only be returned to you when all Officers feel the problem has been corrected. This rule includes everyone in the department.

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