

CLAYTON FIRE COMPANY NO.1 INCORPORATED
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDLINE # I-2

Date of Effect: March 1, 1991	To be reviewed: January 2020
To: All Members	Revised: January 1, 2019
Ordered By: Alexander C Carrow, Fire Chief	
Subject: APPARATUS	

This Guideline shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until superseded.

Purpose: to establish procedures for qualifications of apparatus operator's firefighters riding apparatus and response of apparatus.

I. DRIVERS - all drivers will meet the following criteria:

The driver must be at least 21 years of age, and a member of this department for a period of not less than 1 year or unless cleared by the Fire Chief. Members joining this department that have been active certified drivers with another fire department may begin their training period upon becoming familiar with the apparatus and may become certified drivers with this department after 6 months of service, unless cleared by the Fire Chief. The driver must possess a minimum of a valid state of Delaware non-CDL driver's license as well as a Delaware emergency vehicle operator's license. To operate the Utility Vehicle, and Gator, during normal activity the member must be 18 years of age and possess a valid State of Delaware Drivers license.

The driver must be qualified through the following training program on each piece of apparatus they wish to drive. After completion of the training period, each driver must be approved by the fire chief.:

- a. The driver must complete a pump school held by Delaware State Fire School or its equivalent.
- b. Complete a driving and pump training course supervised by the fire chief or his appointee. The course is to be a minimum of four (4) hour for each apparatus, with the maximum to be at the discretion of the supervising instructor.
- c. Additional road and/or pump time may be required for individual drivers at the discretion of the Fire Chief.
- d. Drivers in training may with the approval of a senior line officer drive the apparatus to an alarm, this will be on a case by case basis and approval is only for said alarm.

No driver will operate any equipment owned by this department, while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

II. FIREFIGHTERS - all firefighters responding to or returning from an alarm, drill, or service call on this department's apparatus, will conform with the following:

All firefighters with the exception of the driver will be in full turnout gear to include coat, pants, and/or boots, while the apparatus is in motion. No helmets are to be worn while the vehicle is in motion. The driver must at least carry his/her gear with them on the apparatus. Firefighters will wear seat belts at all time the vehicle is in motion.

No firefighter will be permitted to don a SCBA unit while in any position other than seated when the apparatus is in motion. No firefighter will board or exit any apparatus while the apparatus is in motion.

III. RESPONSE - the response made by this department's apparatus to an emergency scene shall be as follows:

During response, all apparatus will conform to traffic laws. When apparatus are required to respond into another company's district the apparatus will, at all times avoid the fire station of the said company.