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Office of the Fire Chief

Policy 4215-002

Command 42 Policy (#98-02) [Revised 2021]

Operation

1. The vehicle shall be operated in a manner with public safety a primary concern. The vehicle shall be operated with due regard to all traffic and road conditions and in compliance with the laws of the State of Delaware.
2. The Fire Chief shall set all rules and regulations as to the operation and issuance of the command vehicle.
3. Emergency equipment (red lights, sirens, and other warning equipment) shall be activated when in response to an emergency, especially when traffic hazards exist. At no other time shall the emergency equipment be used.
4. Emergency equipment shall be activated upon approach at all intersections; and when contrary to traffic light signals, a complete stop is required and proceed when traffic permits. Activation is also required when passing other vehicles on two way roadways and approach at stop signs where a complete stop is required and to proceed with caution as traffic permits.
5. The vehicle shall remain under control of the operator at all times; speeds must not exceed what is reasonable and prudent for condition that exist. An emergency vehicle operator's license is required for all persons operating vehicle in an emergency manner.
6. The Fire Chief may restrict any personnel from operating the vehicle for any time period as seen fit.
7. The vehicle shall not be operated while the driver has consumed any alcohol or drugs (including illegal and prescription drugs) that would affect one's ability to operate and control the vehicle.
8. No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed in the vehicle at any time.
9. In adverse weather conditions, the vehicle may be grounded by the Fire Chief. If such conditions exist where the vehicle may not be able to effectively maneuver upon the roadways, the vehicle should not be driven to the scene.
10. The vehicle shall not be driven or parked in conditions or situation where the vehicle may become damaged, impedes the flow of emergency equipment, or creates a hazardous condition.

Maintenance

1. Routine maintenance (checking fluids, filling with gas, cleaning glass and washing/vacuuming vehicle if dirty) shall be performed by each operator prior to surrendering the vehicle to the next duty officer.
2. All repairs shall be within the authority of the Fire Chief, this includes radios. No substantial cost incurring repairs shall be made without the authorization of the Fire Chief and shall be coordinated through the Chief Engineer.
3. The Chief Engineer will schedule all repairs and maintenance (oil changes, head lights out, etc.). The scheduling will be coordinated with the Fire Chief.
4. Each on-coming duty officer shall inspect the vehicle for proper operation, equipment (condition and inventory) and damage prior to accepting the vehicle from the off-going duty officer. All discrepancies shall be immediately reported to the Chief Engineer and the Fire Chief. Failure to inspect the vehicle will render the accepting officer responsible for all existing discrepancies. The on-coming duty officer may refuse to accept the vehicle until the condition of the vehicle is to the satisfaction of the on-coming duty officer.

Equipment

1. All equipment in the vehicle shall remain with the vehicle for use by the duty officer. Any lost, broken or depleted equipment shall be brought to the attention of the Fire Chief for repair or replacement.
2. No equipment shall be loaned permanently (or temporarily) or taken from the vehicle without the permission of the Fire Chief. In extraordinary circumstances, the Chief may permit equipment to be removed and notice will be given to the duty officer.