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Standard Operating Guideline 13-02 Command Vehicle

Purpose: This Guideline is to establish the proper operation and use of the Command Vehicle

Scope: All fire department personnel.

1. The Chief determines if the vehicle will rotate from officer to officer and what that schedule is based on operational needs.
2. The Command Vehicle can be driven by the assigned driver to any personal errands or to work as long as the officer is available to respond to incidents if they happen. Exceptions to this are the officer needs to use good judgment to where he or she drives. As an example being at a Liquor Store or a bar.
3. Your Focus is getting the trucks out. Don't forget that. If you are out and think the station will have a crew then respond to the scene. If you are in the station and there is a crew I don't have a problem with you taking the truck to the scene with the exception of Medicals. Also respond smart and what I mean by that if you are across town and we have a medical and the Rescue is out and likely going to beat you in. Don't go 100 mph lights and siren to get there. Also take into consideration what you may be responding to. **Do not respond directly to the scene for any calls out of the district with the exception of calls in Leipsic's District or Hazmat calls.** I would expect in these cases for you to respond to our station. If for some reason the truck leaves short and you have to meet them at the scene, park out of the way and say nothing on the radio. The truck shouldn't be used to show up on scene to take over command of an incident.
4. If you arrive on scene after the 1st truck and you choose to take over command from a lower ranking person, it is expected you to have a face to face change of command and a radio call to Kent Center acknowledging the change has occurred. Being the Command Vehicle doesn't mean you automatically are in charge. The object of the vehicle is to have an officer committed to taking calls and available not to pull up and take command.
5. It is the driver's responsibility to keep the vehicle clean when you have it.
6. While you are in the truck use your officer number (Example I always use 54-15). Remember less talk is better with the radio. I have responded several times on medical calls and never said anything. Keep that in the back of your mind. The Radio ID comes up as CV-54
7. If for some reason a non-officer is using the Command Vehicle to run errands or attend a function. They are to follow the SOG 13-01 Utility vehicles for the proper use.