

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE - 5.4.1

TOPIC - APPARATUS DRIVER/OPERATOR - GENERAL

PURPOSE:

To establish standard basic requirements for personnel who wish to drive and operate apparatus under the responsibility and authority of this organization.

GENERAL:

The essential purpose of this organization is to preserve life and property. This duty to protect is extended, under all conditions, to the driving and operating of apparatus. Our challenge in this regard is to establish a system leading toward the development of competent personnel, capable of driving and operating apparatus safely and efficiently.

GUIDELINE:

Application:

1. The individual must be at least 18 years of age (driver must be at least 21 years of age to drive Code-3), and;
2. Possess a valid Oregon drivers license, and;
3. Successfully complete an emergency driver training course as stipulated under the conditions of Fire Fighter probation completion, and;
4. Make formal application to become a driver for the District.
5. Submit a copy of driving record covering the previous three (3) years.

Training:

1. The individual must participate in the driver training program best suited to her/his experience level.
2. The individual must receive acknowledgement from the assigned advisor/instructor that he/she is ready for certification.

Authorization/Certification:

1. District authorization will be apparatus specific.
2. Applicant must have spent sufficient time as a driver/trainee to successfully pass a proficiency test.
3. Apply for state certification as an accredited Apparatus Driver/Operator at the

appropriate level.

4. Authorization to drive and/or operate District apparatus may be revoked, or the individual may be demoted to a probationary driver/operator status based upon actual performance.