

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE - 5.4.3

TOPIC - APPARATUS DRIVER/OPERATOR - CERTIFICATION

PURPOSE:

To establish a standard process that will certify that an individual has met all requirements to be considered an efficient, safety conscious apparatus driver and operator for the District.

GENERAL:

We have a duty to the public and to ourselves that requires us to ensure that only qualified and safety conscious personnel drive and operate equipment owned by the District. To accomplish this end we require that persons are trained and that they obtain formal authorization to function at the level of Driver/Operator prior to driving in an emergency mode, "Code 3".

GUIDELINE:

1. The individual must have completed all conditions of the driver training program for the specific apparatus.
2. District authorization will be apparatus specific.
3. The individual must successfully pass a proficiency test including the following:
 - a. Maneuvering of the apparatus. This element will be in the form of the state certification task performance evaluation.
 - b. High level safety consciousness throughout operation of the apparatus.
 - c. Location of all equipment on the specific apparatus.
 - d. Efficient operation of all aspects of the specific apparatus. This element will be in the form of the state certification task performance evaluation as appropriate for the apparatus.
 - e. Knowledge of the district.
4. Apply for state certification as an Apparatus Driver/Operator at the appropriate level.
5. An individual who possesses state certification as a Driver will also need to continue training and gain certification to become an Apparatus Operator for specific types of apparatus, pumpers, wildland engines, water tenders, etc.
6. All drivers of District apparatus must participate in annual continuing education sessions related to driver safety.