

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE - 5.4.4

TOPIC - APPARATUS DRIVER/OPERATOR - DRIVING VIOLATIONS

PURPOSE:

To establish consistent procedures to address the consequences of traffic violation convictions.

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 who drive District owned vehicles maintain an excellent driving record.

A driver for the District who is unable to maintain an excellent driving record will have driving privilege restricted, suspended, or revoked based upon the nature and frequency of violation convictions and chargeable accidents.

An individual who has a suspended or revoked driver's license is not permitted to drive District owned vehicles under any circumstances.

GUIDELINE:

Violation Definitions:

Class A Violation:

- Driving while intoxicated.
- Driving under the influence of drugs.
- Negligent homicide arising out of the use of a motor vehicle (gross negligence).
- Operating a motor vehicle during a period of suspension or revocation.
- Using a motor vehicle for the commission of a felony.
- Aggravated assault with a motor vehicle.
- Operating a motor vehicle without the owner's authority.
- Permitting an unlicensed person to drive.
- Reckless driving.
- Hit and run driving.

Class B Violation:

- All moving violations not listed as Class A violations.

Consequences of Violation Convictions:

Class A Violation:

- An individual who has received a driving license suspension as a result of a conviction of a Class A violation within the preceding three (3) years shall not

be permitted to drive District owned vehicles for a minimum of eighteen (18) months after that conviction.

- The individual shall not be permitted to drive Code-3 for a period of three (3) years after the date of the conviction.
- The individual will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved driver improvement program, and be recertified to operate emergency vehicles.

Class B Violations:

Drivers Age 21 – 65 years:

- Any individual who has a combination of two (2) Class B violation convictions and/or chargeable accidents in a three (3) year period will be issued a warning letter from the Fire Chief, or designee.
- Any individual who has a combination of three (3) moving violation convictions and/or chargeable accidents in a three (3) year period will be issued a suspension from driving all District vehicles for a period of ninety (90) days.
- Any individual who has more than three (3) moving violation convictions or three (3) chargeable accidents or any combination in a three (3) year period will be issued a suspension from driving all District vehicles for a period of one (1) year.
- Any individual who is issued a one (1) year suspension of driving privileges must attend and successfully complete an approved driver improvement program.
- Any individual who has been convicted of any Class B violation related to excessive speed may be issued a suspension of Code-3 driving privileges for a period up to three (3) years. Application of this rule shall be at the discretion of the Fire Chief and shall be based upon the severity of the excessive speed, i.e. over 10 MPH of the posted speed limit, speeding in school zones, etc.

Drivers Age 18 – 21 & over 65 years:

- Any individual who has a combination of two (2) Class B violation convictions and/or chargeable accidents in a three (3) year period will be issued a warning letter from the Fire Chief, or designee.
- Any individual who has more than two (2) moving violation convictions or two (2) chargeable accidents or any combination in a three (3) year period will be issued a suspension from driving all District vehicles for a period of one (1) year.
- Any individual who is issued a one (1) year suspension of driving privileges must attend and successfully complete an approved driver improvement program.
- Any individual who has been convicted of any Class B violation related to excessive speed may be issued a suspension of Code-3 driving privileges for a

period up to three (3) years. Application of this rule shall be at the discretion of the Fire Chief and shall be based upon the severity of the excessive speed, i.e. over 10 MPH of the posted speed limit, speeding in school zones, etc.