

Central Joint Fire District

Standard Operating Procedure



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SUBJECT: Driving - Personal Vehicles

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PURPOSE: the purpose of this standard is to define the rules and regulations under which private vehicles are to be operated.

SCOPE: All department members are to adhere to this standard.

ENFORCEMENT: The Fire Chief shall be responsible to enforce this standard.

DEFINITIONS:

Probationary members - All new members from their date of appointment until no less than twelve (12) months from that date are probationary members.

APPLICATION:

- 1) Probationary members are not allowed to operate with red lights and sirens until they have completed six months of probationary membership, the state mandated fire training volunteer firefighter course 1a, and have been approved by the Training Officer or Fire Chief.
- 2) Active members may operate their personal vehicle as "Public Safety Vehicles" only with approved lights, siren, and proper state sticker affixed to the vehicle windshield. The state sticker is renewed annually and the Fire Department will conduct the necessary vehicle inspection for this renewal.
- 3) All members will drive with due regard for the safety of others and will not proceed through an intersection without assuring themselves of the right of way from any approaching vehicle.
- 4) Private vehicles authorized at the scene of an emergency shall be parked so as not to interfere with Department operations. The standard rules shall be to drive at least 100 feet past the scene and park on the right hand side of the road.
- 5) No private vehicle shall be parked at the station in any way so as to interfere with the departure of any fire or rescue vehicles.
- 6) Any member reported to the Fire Chief by a law enforcement officer for improper operation of a Public Safety vehicle may be subject to disciplinary action.

- 7) All responding members will report to the station normal traffic after the appropriate apparatus has gone en-route.