

315 MINIMUM TRAINING STANDARDS FOR EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

PURPOSE:

To outline the Fire Department apparatus operator training standards.

SCOPE:

This standard shall apply to all fire apparatus within the Fire Department and any member who seeks to become a qualified operator of said apparatus.

APPARATUS QUALIFICATION PROGRESSION:

Personnel must qualify on apparatus in the following order (steps 2, 3, and 5 may be omitted when a member's company does not have such apparatus) :

1. Passenger Vehicles
2. Brush Unit
3. Cascade Truck
4. Class A Pumper
5. Tanker
6. Ladder Truck

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPARATUS OPERATORS:

General:

1. Posses a valid New Jersey driver's license.
2. Age requirement - 18 years old.

Membership Requirements:

1. Passenger Vehicles
Member of the department.
2. Brush Unit:
Active Firefighter.
3. Cascade Truck:
Active Firefighter.
4. Class A. Pumper:
Active Firefighter within the Department for a Minimum of one year*.
5. Tanker:
Active Firefighter within the Department for a Minimum of one year*.
6. Ladder Truck:
Active Firefighter within the Department for a Minimum of one year*.

- * - The Station Commanding Officer may opt to waive the one year membership requirement when a new member has prior firefighting experience that qualifies under the following guidelines:
- A. The member has a minimum of two years firefighting experience after they have graduated from a firefighting training course that meets NFPA 1001 basic firefighting standards.
 - B. The member had been qualified in their previous department on the same class of apparatus for a minimum of six months.
 - C. In the opinion of the Station Commanding Officer, the member's prior experience would meet or exceed the level of experience that member would have after a one year membership in our Department.
 - D. In the opinion of the Station Commanding Officer, the member can become adequately familiar with township streets and addresses and our SOP's.

TRAINING PROCESS:

Any member wishing to become a qualified operator shall contact the Station Commanding Officer of their station. The Station Commanding Officer will then determine if the member is eligible for the training requested. The Station Commanding Officer shall utilize discretion when allowing personnel to train on apparatus. Becoming an apparatus operator is a privilege, not a right. If the member is eligible for the training, the Station Commanding Officer shall undertake what steps are necessary for that member to complete their training. Besides performing the actual training the Station Commanding Officer may be required to make arrangements for other instructors to do training, coordinate with another station's Station Commanding Officer, arrange instructional classes for the trainee to attend, and whatever else is necessary to insure the member is adequately trained.

MINIMUM PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:

General:

1. Motor vehicle laws pertaining to emergency response vehicles.
2. Safe operation of the vehicle over the roadway.
3. Proper radio communication procedures.
4. Knowledge of Township streets and addresses.
5. Vehicle familiarization
6. SOP familiarization

Specific:

1. Brush Truck:
 - A. Hydraulics and Pump Operations.
 - B. Driving Practical Evaluations.
 - C. Operations Practical Evaluations.
2. Cascade Truck:
 - A. Equipment familiarization.
 - B. Cascade and compressor Operations.
 - C. Driving Practical Evaluations.
 - D. Operations Practical Evaluations.
3. Class A Pumper:
 - A. Equipment familiarization.
 - B. Hydraulics and Pump Operations.
 - C. Driving Practical Evaluations.
 - D. Operations Practical Evaluations.
4. Tanker:
 - A. Equipment familiarization.
 - B. Hydraulics and Pump Operations.
 - C. Driving Practical Evaluations.
 - D. Operations Practical Evaluations.
5. Ladder Truck:
 - A. Equipment familiarization.
 - B. Hydraulics and Pump Operations.
 - C. Aerial Operations.
 - D. Driving Practical Evaluations.
 - E. Operations Practical Evaluations.

FILING:

Upon a members being qualified on a particular piece of apparatus, the Station Commanding Officer shall forward an Apparatus Operator Qualification Form (DF-AOQ-01) to the Chief.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

It shall be the responsibility of each Station Commanding Officer (and his delegate) to issue training to apparatus operators and to maintain adequate documentation of the training. Copies of the documentation may be forwarded to the Fire District at their request.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION:

The Board Of Fire Commissioners shall submit any new driver and shall submit apparatus operator lists every three years to the NJ Dept. Of Motor Vehicles for a drivers record abstract that will be the basis for enforcing the requirements listed herein as Addendum A (Section 900).

Driver must maintain a safe driving record or may be removed from the drivers list.