

## Johnson Creek Fire & EMS Standard Operating Guideline

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**Purpose:** To specifically identify that the members of the department will have thorough knowledge of the types and specifications of the vehicles that the employee is authorized to operate.

**Scope:** This procedure will apply to all department members and will be used for all applications to which the Johnson Creek Fire & EMS Department responds.

In order to clarify terms in this procedure the following definitions have been included:  
NONE

**General:** These procedures will apply to all employees involved in any emergency that involves the Johnson Creek Fire & EMS Department.

### 100.02.01. DEPARTMENT VEHICLES.

- A. All members who operate EMS apparatus are required to be at least 18 years old, possess a valid Wisconsin Drivers License, successful completion of an EVOC course, and to be approved to operate the ambulance in emergency and non-emergency situations. The operator will be authorized to operate the apparatus when approved by the department senior officers.
- B. All members who operate fire apparatus are required to be at least 18 years old, possess a valid Wisconsin Drivers License, successful completion of an EVOC course, and to be approved to operate the apparatus in emergency and non-emergency situations. The operator will be authorized to operate the apparatus when approved by the department senior officers. All fire apparatus operators must complete and pass the required certification course for the type of vehicle within two years.
- C. The driver shall operate the vehicle in such a manner as to effect the most prompt and safe arrival to the incident scene. Safe arrival is the first priority.
- D. The driver shall stop for all school buses when the buses red lights are flashing and may not proceed until the bus driver indicates it is safe to do so.

- E. Headlights will be used on all vehicles at all times.
- F. The driver shall devote all attention to driving. The unit officer will operate the radio and handle all other necessary communications.
- G. All drivers will drive appropriately for the given driving and weather conditions, regardless if it is a non-emergency or emergency response.
- H. Drivers will be responsible to adhere to all traffic regulations including complete stopping and observing traffic signals/signs.

**AT NO TIME WILL A VEHICLE OPERATOR ASSUME THAT HE/SHE HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY.**

- I. All reported or witnessed traffic violations will be dealt with immediately and driving privileges will be suspended and can be terminated. The member can also face disciplinary action enforced by the merit commission.
- J. All vehicle operators and the crew will restore the apparatus to the ready condition upon returning to station, this includes re-stocking of equipment and supplies, completing after operation check lists, refilling all fluids, decontaminating any exposed surfaces and washing the apparatus.