

BLACKWOOD FIRE COMPANY OPERATING GUIDELINE

4.1 USE OF FIRE APPARATUS

- 4.1.1 Fire apparatus shall only be used for responses to emergency incidents, approved training and company business and by Fire District employees in the performance of their duties.
- 4.1.2 Any exception to the above shall require the approval of the Chief. In the absence of the Chief, the ranking available line officer shall be contacted for permission. If no line officers can be contacted, the apparatus will not be used.
- 4.1.3 With the exception of approved driver training conducted IAW OG 4.3, apparatus shall be operated only by a qualified driver.
- 4.1.4 The cab areas of fire apparatus shall not be entered by any member except for official business. Visitors who wish to view the apparatus shall be accompanied by a member at all times, and shall be prohibited from operating any controls.
- 4.1.5 Apparatus shall be closely examined by a qualified driver after public visits or public display of the apparatus, to ensure the apparatus is in the proper state of readiness for response.
- 4.1.6 When apparatus must be taken out of service for unscheduled repairs, the following notifications shall be made:
- The Chief or ranking available line officer.
 - The Operations Commissioner or the Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- 4.1.7 Out of Service apparatus will be noted on the dry erase boards in the stations. Camden County Communications will also be notified.
- 4.1.8 A sign or other notice shall be placed on any Out of Service apparatus parked in the station so members are aware the vehicle is unavailable for responses.
- 4.1.9 Smoking is prohibited in all apparatus and staff vehicles.