

BLACKWOOD FIRE COMPANY OPERATING GUIDELINE

4.5 DRIVER RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.5.1 Drivers may opt to wear bunker pants / boots only when driving, but must have all PPE readily available to don upon arrival. Drivers responding to EMS first responder incidents may use station uniform only.
- 4.5.2 Drivers must wear seat belts.
- 4.5.3 Headlights should be on at all times.
- 4.5.4 Drivers must insure that all crew members are seated and have their seat belts secured prior to placing the apparatus in motion. Drivers should ensure that no members are riding on unauthorized areas of the vehicle, and that the crew does not exceed the number of seats on the vehicle.
- 4.5.5 Drivers are responsible for the safety of their crew and apparatus while traveling to and from the scene. Drivers must be cognizant of weather, traffic, road conditions and incident type, and shall adjust their route and rate of travel accordingly.
- 4.5.6 When a "Reduce Speed" order has been received, the driver shall insure that audible and visual warning devices have been canceled.
- 4.5.7 Drivers are responsible for restoring their apparatus to service after an incident or training evolution. All apparatus should be clean and ready for service. Any malfunctioning equipment should be reported to the OIC and an equipment report filed. Fuel tanks must be refilled if levels are below one half. The apparatus crew shall assist the driver with completion of the above tasks.

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