

# ALBANY COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1

## Training and Qualification Guide

### FIRE APPARATUS DRIVER/OPERATOR

#### DEFINITION

Under direction, to respond to alarm and other emergency calls to protect life and property; to drive, operate, and maintain fire equipment and apparatus; to provide medical assistance and treatment at the appropriate department required EMS assistance level; and to participate in fire prevention programs, inspections, station maintenance, and training activities.

#### SUPERVISION EXERCISED

Receives direction from Company Officer, Chief Officer, and Fire Chief.

#### EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND POSSIBLE DUTIES

Respond to alarms and assist in the suppression of fires including rescue, entry, ventilating, and salvage work; respond to vehicle accidents requiring victim extrication and medical care assistance; assume command at emergency scenes until relieved by personnel qualified to assume charge of fire and medical emergency scenes.

Drive fire-pumping apparatus to alarms; operate pump at the fire; calculate and regulate water pressure through hose lines.

Operate and oversee the use of numerous types of vehicles, equipment, tools, and apparatus; trouble shoot and correct problems.

Perform other firefighting duties when pump is not being used at a fire.

Perform cleaning, salvage, and overhaul work following fire; clean, maintain, and prepare apparatus and equipment for further alarms.

Maintain inventory of tools and equipment on apparatus; conduct weekly inspection of apparatus; perform routine maintenance on vehicles, apparatus, and equipment; report mechanical failures when assistance on repair is warranted; perform minor repairs and may assist on major repairs.

Conduct periodic testing of pumps, hoses, and other apparatus and equipment.

Maintain current knowledge of Fire District layout and the water resources; test District water sources.

Participate in fire drills/training; attend continuing and advanced training sessions which include firefighting techniques, roadway safety, defensive driving, extrication, emergency medical care, and the proper use of all equipment and related tools.

Perform home and commercial inspections for fire prevention and pre-fire planning.

Participate in the performance of investigations; preserve evidence; secure fire scene.

Assist in training employees in routines of fire suppression, equipment operation, maintenance, and other assigned training.

Participate in providing information and educational programs to the public; conduct station tours.

Maintain a variety of records; prepare required reports; prepare correspondence.

Participate in station and ground maintenance work.

Operate radio equipment.

Serve as a Company Officer upon the request or absence of a Company Officer (when certified for the circumstance/assignment of doing so).

### **OTHER JOB-RELATED DUTIES**

Perform related duties and responsibilities as assigned.

### **JOB RELATED AND OPTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **Knowledge of:**

Principles, practices, and procedures used in modern firefighting.

Purposes, uses, and operating characteristics of a variety of vehicles, equipment, tools, and apparatus used in firefighting, rescue, and medical assistance operations.

Fire hazards and the related prevention and abatement methods.

Principles of mechanics, hydraulics, and mathematics as related to Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator duties.

Procedures, methods, and techniques for assistance of emergency medical services (in accordance with provider's level of care certification).

Roadway and water source locations within the Fire District.

Pertinent Federal, State, and local laws, codes, and regulations.

Safe driving principles and practices.

**Skill to:**

Effectively and safely drive and operate fire apparatus and equipment used by the Fire District.

Operate communications equipment.

Operate office equipment including computer equipment.

**Ability to:**

Pass the WSFMO Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator examination pumping certification.

Follow direction from Company Officers, Chief Officers, and the Fire Chief.

Respond to fires/alarms and effectively perform fire suppression and rescue work.

Perform field calculations of hydraulics for the proper and effective operations of equipment at emergency scenes.

Provide effective stream flows from fire pumps, effectively operate water tenders.

Conduct fire inspections and pre plans.

Observe and record findings during inspections.

Conduct preliminary fact-finding inspections and investigations, including scene preservation and evidence gathering and preservation on fire scenes.

Demonstrate physical endurance, agility, strength, and stamina in the performance of hazardous tasks under emergency conditions; think and act quickly in emergencies.

Perform at certification level for assistance of emergency medical services.

Understand and follow oral and written directions promptly and accurately.

Exercise good judgment, flexibility, creativity, and sensitivity in response to changing situations and needs.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Establish, maintain, and foster positive and harmonious working relationships with those contacted in the course of duties.

**Experience and Training Guidelines:**

*Any combination equivalent to experience and training that would provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge, skills, and abilities would be:*

**Optional Experience:**

Six months of progressively responsible experience performing firefighting and rescue duties, or comparable experience as decided by the Department's Fire Chief.

**Optional Training:**

1. Fire Apparatus Operator (Pumping) certification issued by the State of Wyoming or completion of an equivalent training curriculum in-house JPR test on record.
2. Emergency Vehicle Operations Course Certificate or training record.
3. NWCG FFT2 or LIA Wildland Firefighter or Outside Firefighter Training Record.
4. Completion of S-211 from NWCG.

**Special Requirements:**

*Essential duties require the following physical skills and work environment:*

Ability to sit, stand, walk, run, kneel, crouch, stoop, squat, crawl, twist, climb, and lift 10 lbs.; exposure to cold, heat, noise, outdoors, vibration, confining workspace, chemicals, explosive materials, mechanical hazards, electrical hazards, and blood borne pathogens; ability to travel to different sites and locations; availability for 911 response and standby.