

Manhattan Fire Protection District

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	Subject: Non Emergency Driving of Fire District Vehicles	Date 10/28/96 SOP# 452-1

PURPOSE

This procedure is to promote the safe and efficient non-emergency response of apparatus to emergency scenes, and the safe operation of department vehicles in non-emergency situations and to prevent accidents and damage to department, public, or private property. To lessen the risk of injuries to department personnel or to the general public. To ensure the ability of those personnel driving department vehicles to perform to a minimum standard.

SCOPE

This procedure shall apply to all employees of the department, including volunteer, paid-on-call, part-time, full-time, auxiliary, associate, or reserve. The driver of each vehicle bears full responsibility for compliance with this procedure, and all applicable State and local laws and regulations concerning the operation of motor vehicles and emergency vehicles and compliance with this departments insurance carriers regulations.

ENFORCEMENT

The primary responsibility for adherence to this procedure rests with each individual. Company officers or acting company officers are responsible for enforcement of this procedure. Authority to deviate from this procedure rests with the officer, acting company officer and also the individual driver.

DEFINITION

APPARATUS shall be defined as any motorized vehicle or motor vehicle and trailer combination operated by this department.

DRIVER shall be defined as personnel whom have been trained, properly licensed, and given approval to operate specified apparatus of this department.

OFFICER shall be defined as person seated in the front passenger right hand seat whether of officer rank or acting officer of vehicle.

APPLICATION

Non-Emergency Driving

1. Drivers of department vehicles being used for non-emergency use shall obey all traffic laws and not operate in a negligent or reckless manner.
2. Drivers using department vehicles for non-emergency use are to return vehicle to in service condition, cleaned, and proper post use inspection and reports completed. Post use inspections are not required for suburbans and cars.
3. Change of quarters, move ups etc. whether within or outside of the district shall be considered a non-emergency response, and warning devices shall not be used and all traffic laws obeyed, if while changing quarters you are diverted to the scene or a second emergency then warning devices are to be activated and emergency procedures followed.
4. Apparatus responding to training drills shall do so in a non-emergency manner, obeying all normal traffic regulations, and not use warning devices until approaching the scene.

Signature of Chief Dale VanderBoegh date 10/28/96