

WATERTOWN



TENNESSEE

Driver Handbook



Name _____



This handbook will serve as a guide to becoming an apparatus driver at WFD. All opportunities will be given to any firefighter wishing to become a driver, but the process will be followed per policy. This guide will be your pathway all the way to a qualified engineer.

Definitions

Driver – Firefighter that has the training and competence to operate an apparatus to and from emergency scenes, transporting emergency personnel and/or equipment as needed.

Driver/Operator – Firefighter that is able to function as a driver, with added training and competence to operate the function of specific apparatus as they pertain to their specific role.

Engineer – Fully capable, competent, and trained firefighter that is fully certified to operate an apparatus in its role and understands the full function of capabilities.

Apparatus	Approved By	Date Completed
Squad		
Brush		
Rescue		
Engine		
Ambulance		

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Basic Requirements

- ☐ Valid Tennessee Driver's License
 - Copy in Training File
 - Copy in Admin File
- ☐ Current Year EVOC/VFK
 - Copy in Training Folder
 - Copy in Training Drive
- ☐ Age Requirement
- ☐ Understands SOP/SOG that apply to vehicle operation and response.
- ☐ Good standing in department

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

General Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Knowledge of the geography within Watertown and Southeast Wilson County.
- Knowledge and ability to read a map AND use GPS
- Knowledge of firefighting equipment and its intended uses.
- Ability to react quickly and calmly in an emergency situation and to determine the proper course of action.
- Ability to learn to operate a variety of firefighting equipment.
- Ability to learn to operate a large truck safely.
- Ability to work under extreme weather conditions and dangerous heights.
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instruction.
- Ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with the public and other employees.
- Ability to wear heavy protective clothing for extended periods of time.
- Ability to climb ladders.
- Ability to operate power equipment.

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