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Standard Operating Guidelines

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## Operations

Subject: Vehicle Operations  
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### 407.01 Purpose

Establish qualifications for apparatus drivers and procedures for the safe operation of Fire Department vehicles. Procedures for vehicle collisions involving Fire Department vehicles.

### 407.02 Drivers

#### A. Qualifications

1. No member will drive any Fire Department vehicle unless they have approval from a Chief officer.
2. All operators of Fire Department vehicles shall have a valid driver's license, of the proper class for the vehicle they are operating. Proof of valid driver's license shall be provided to the Fire Chief.
3. To operate in an emergency mode, the operator will be 18 years of age or more, and have completed the required driver training.
4. All drivers shall complete a drivers training program approved by the Fire Chief.

#### B. Driving Records

1. The driving records of all members will be monitored regularly.
2. Drivers may be suspended by the Fire Chief from driving for documented serious violations of Maryland Vehicle Law. The suspension may remain in effect as long as the entry on the driving record is active. Example of serious vehicle law violations, but not limited to;
  - a. Driving under the influence of alcohol.
  - b. Driving while impaired drugs.
  - c. Driving while refused, canceled, suspended, or revoked.
  - d. Reckless driving
  - e. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
  - f. Fail to remain at the scene of an accident.
3. Any Chief Officer may immediately suspend the privilege of any member to drive for any reason if he believes there is a safety risk to the public or property.

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- C. Vehicle Accidents involving Fire Department vehicles.  
Should a member driving a Fire Department vehicle be involved in an accident, as soon as reasonably possible, notify your supervisor or officer of said accident. Supervisors and officers are required to notify the Duty-Chief of any accident.