
**Ocean City Fire Department
Standard Operating Guidelines**

Safety

Subject: Hose Loading onto Moving Apparatus
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711.01 Purpose

To establish a guideline that provides for the safety of personnel while loading hose onto moving fire apparatus.

711.02 Scope

This guideline applies to all personnel loading hose onto a moving piece of fire apparatus.

711.03 Policy

- A. The loading of hose, large diameter supply line, onto moving apparatus shall not be the normal practice of the Department and shall only occur under the following circumstances:
1. When directed to do so by the Incident Commander.
 2. When the “Roll-n-Rack” hose loading system is either unavailable or has failed to operate as designed.
 3. When the amount of hose that needs to be loaded exceeds the capability of the “Roll-n-Rack” hose loading system.
- B. A safe work area shall always be provided to members loading hose.

711.04 Procedure

- A. A safety observer shall be assigned to each piece of apparatus loading hose in this fashion.
- B. The safety observer shall:
1. Have an unobstructed view of the hose loading operation.
 2. Be in visual and voice contact with the apparatus driver/operator.
- C. Vehicular traffic, other than fire department vehicles, shall be excluded from the work area.
- D. Apparatus shall be driven in a forward direction, straddling the hose, at a speed of five (5) miles per hour or less.
- E. Members shall be permitted in the hose bed, but shall not be permitted to stand while the vehicle is in motion.