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Section 5-1: Ridding on Apparatus

Purpose: This guideline is to set forth the safety standard in regards to riding the fire apparatus.

Guideline: This guideline will describe what must be done prior, while, and after riding the apparatus to an incident. It will also give guidance as to safety standards, and what is to be done when arriving first at the scene of an incident.

1. All personnel will don their turnout gear prior to boarding the apparatus; the only exception may be the driver/operator.
2. The driver/ operator may drive the apparatus without his/her turnout pants on, but must don his/her turnout pants upon arriving at the scene.
3. All personnel will board the apparatus in a safe and efficient manner; pushing or shoving to get on the apparatus will not be tolerated.
4. Personnel who meet the minimum training standard for that piece of apparatus for that particular type of incident will be given first preference and may board immediately. Personnel who do not meet the requirements may be directed to another piece of apparatus or may wait approval from the Unit Officer to board (see also Section 5-2: Apparatus Staffing Guideline).
5. When personnel board the apparatus, they will move to the center seats so other firefighters may board the equipment efficiently.

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6. If there is an Officer riding the piece of apparatus, this person will ride in the right front seat. The only exception will be if the Officer tells someone else to ride in that position. If no officer is present, past Chief Officers shall have preference, and then the next highest trained firefighter will ride in the officer seat.
7. All personnel will wear their seatbelts. All personnel are to be seated and belted at all times when the apparatus is in motion.
8. Once the emergency lights are activated, no firefighter shall try to board the apparatus. This is a sign that the apparatus is staffed and ready to respond to the incident.
9. During the response, the assignments can either be given by the OIC, or a senior firefighter in the crew cab. The assignments should be made based on the type of incident and type of information being relayed by Adams County 911.
10. All personnel will don their reflective safety vest when operating on a roadway. The only exception will be incidents that are fire related emergencies in which SCBA are donned. If any additional situations exist where a reflective vest may become a hazard the OIC may make a decision to not wear the reflective vest.
11. When the apparatus arrives on scene, all personnel will dismount the equipment and begin to perform the assigned tasks. At no time should any personnel leave the equipment without having a tool or a piece of equipment related to the incident in his/her hands.
12. The Fire Chiefs' reserves the right to suspend anyone's riding privileges if deemed necessary.
13. Once the apparatus is returned to the station, it is the responsibility of the crew to make sure the unit is cleaned, restocked, and placed back into operational readiness for the next incident.