



ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

SOP 100-115: ATFD Apparatus Staffing

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REVIEW DATE	5/21/2024	SIGNATURE	TMC

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Operating Guideline is to specify requirements for riding of all fire apparatus in the ATFD for emergency responses in order to improve staffing for emergency calls while maintaining organizational cohesiveness. Each individual fire company in the ATFD shall maintain sole discretion as to who is authorized to ride on or staff their fire apparatus for a fire call, however there are times when members from other ATFD fire companies are available to assist a different ATFD station because they are closer to that station than their home station at the time of dispatch.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility to ensure that the above actions are taken in an appropriate manner are defined as indicated below:

- 2.1 Fire Company Line Officers
- 2.2 Fire Company Members
- 2.3 Fire Company Administrative Officers

3.0 PROCEDURES

3.1 DEFINITIONS

3.1.1 Home Company: The ATFD fire company that an ATFD firefighter holds membership in by virtue of completing that fire company's membership application process.

3.1.2 Host Company: An ATFD fire company where an ATFD firefighter does not hold membership but is seeking to ride on their apparatus to an emergency call for service.

3.1.3 Member in Good Standing: The status of an ATFD firefighter's membership status at their home company. To be a member in good standing, the member must be trained, eligible to run emergency calls for service in their Home company and are properly insured by their home company.

3.2 These procedures are not meant to confer membership in any other ATFD fire company than the member's home ATFD fire company.

3.2.1 With the exception of those members who are already members of two (2) ATFD companies at the time that this SOG is implemented, Members can only maintain membership in one ATFD company at any given time.

3.2.2 A member shall only be covered by one ATFD fire company's benefits and is not entitled to double benefits.

3.3 AUTHORIZATION TO RIDE: Authorization to ride any ATFD apparatus resides solely with the Chief of the individual ATFD Fire Company that owns said fire apparatus.

3.3.1. Any ATFD firefighter is authorized to ride the apparatus of another ATFD fire company for and emergency call for service, provided:

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3.3.1.1 The member in question is a member in good standing with an ATFD fire company and has been added to all appropriate insurance policies for the home company.

3.3.1.3 The member in question has been given permission from their home ATFD company Fire Chief to ride other ATFD apparatus.

3.3.1.4 The member in question has been given permission from the Fire Chief, their designee, or Officer in Charge of the host ATFD company to ride their apparatus.

3.3.1.5 The member will be directed by the Host Company OIC or senior member present for the call as to what bunker gear to use if that member does not already have a spare set of bunker gear available to them.

3.4 COMMAND & CONTROL: When an ATFD member rides another ATFD company's apparatus, they shall remain part of the crew that they rode with unless reassigned by the officer of the apparatus or the Incident Commander to another crew.

3.4.1 A member riding the apparatus of another ATFD fire company shall be subject to the chain of command of the host ATFD fire company for the duration of the incident unless reassigned pursuant to section 3.4 above.

3.5 DISCIPLINE: In the event that a member riding the apparatus of another ATFD fire company becomes the subject of a disciplinary issue due to actions taken while riding the other ATFD fire company's apparatus, the member shall be disciplined by their home company pursuant to SOG # 100-114 regarding the discipline of ATFD members.

3.6 INJURY OR DEATH: In the event that a member suffers injury or death in the line of duty while riding with another ATFD fire company, that member shall be covered by benefits through their home company.

4.0 REFERECES

- 2023 CFAI Peer Assessment Team Recommendation #20
- 2023-2028 ATFD Strategic Plan Goals #1 and #3
- CFAI Self Assessment Manual, 10th edition
 - CC2.C4
 - 2C.9
 - CC2D.6
 - CC2D.7
 - CC5E.1