

LEBANON FIRE DISTRICT
POLICY, PROCEDURE AND INSTRUCTION

SECTION: 1600 – Training
TITLE: **Apparatus Operator Qualification Policy**
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1. **POLICY**

1.1 The purpose of this policy is to provide and maintain consistent training requirements and procedures for all eligible members of LFD who desire to become certified Apparatus/Operator Drivers. All Apparatus operators and Drivers shall be trained and certified in accordance with the procedures and methods as established in this policy.

2. **Driver/Operator Qualifications**

2.1 In order for the member to get cleared to drive a medic unit, he or she must complete the following tasks:

2.1.1 The member must complete both the classroom and driving course of LFD's Defensive Driving class or equivalent.

2.1.2 The individual must drive the vehicle until they feel proficient in operating it. They must be accompanied at all times by an Apparatus/Operator who is already qualified on that unit.

2.1.3 The member must drive one and a half (1.5) hours and have documentation in the Employee Development handbook. There is no maximum number of hours. Some vehicles will naturally take longer to gain the necessary proficiency due to their size and complexity.

2.1.4 The accompanying A/O must check off the individual once they agree that he or she is capable of operating the apparatus.

2.1.5 The member must complete the NFPA Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator task book and complete the Driver/Operator section of the Employee Development Program handbook.

3. Apparatus Equipped with a Fire Pump Qualifications

3.1 In order for the member to get cleared to drive an apparatus with pumping capabilities, he or she must complete the following tasks:

3.1.1 The individual must complete the same steps as outlined in sections 2.1.1 through 2.1.5.

3.1.2 The member must complete and pass an NFPA Apparatus Equipped with a Fire Pump class.

3.1.3 The member must show proficiency in performing all pumping operations associated with that particular apparatus. This may include pumping, drafting, pump-and-roll, master streams, and dumping into port-a-tanks.

3.1.4 The individual must be signed off on his or her pumping operations capabilities by a qualified A/O.

3.1.5 The member must complete the NFPA Apparatus Equipped with Fire Pump task book and the pumper operator section of the Employee Development Program.

4. Apparatus Equipped with an Aerial Device Qualifications

4.1 In order for the member to become qualified to operate an apparatus equipped with an aerial device, he or she must complete the following tasks:

4.1.1 The member must complete the same steps as outlined in sections 3.1.1 through 3.1.4.

4.1.2 The member must complete and pass an NFPA Apparatus Equipped with Aerial Device class.

4.1.3 The member must be able to competently set up the ladder for both elevated water stream and rescue operations.

4.1.4 The individual must be able to show proficiency in positioning the ladder both from the ground platform and the elevated platform.

4.1.5 The member must be accompanied at all times by a qualified A/O who is already cleared on the truck. The A/O must agree that the individual is capable and proficient at all ladder truck operations.

4.1.6 The individual's station or company officer will also need to be present to witness if the individual is ready to be signed off on the truck.

5. Once the individual becomes a qualified A/O, the following will apply:

5.1 It will be the responsibility of each apparatus operator to see that he or she receives adequate drive time and pumping time annually in order to remain proficient on each qualifying apparatus.

5.2 The station, company officer or Division Chief of Training may periodically test the A/O to show continued proficiency.

5.3 If it is found during the course of an A/O's time on the department that he or she lacks the necessary skills to safely and/or proficiently operate an apparatus, then they may be required to take remedial training.