

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPTER 2: STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES	
Part 1: Response Guidelines Subject: Driver/Operator Page 1 of 2 Effective Date: 05-01-96	Section: 2-1-23 Reviewed/Revised Date: 11-5-10

23.01 Purpose. To provide a guideline for all engine driver/operators.

23.02 Goal. To have all Township Fire Department personnel trained to the level of driver/operator.

23.03 The driver/operator shall successfully complete the following classes:

- A) Entry level firefighter parts I & II
- B) Entry Level Driver/Operator
- C) Department Road Test and/or E.V.O.C. (refer to SOG 1-2-6 Training Requirements)

23.04 Upon completion of the above listed training the firefighter may respond as a Township Fire Department Driver/Operator.

23.05 Township Fire Department requires the following:

- A) Turn out gear will be stowed aboard apparatus available for use.
- B) Seat belt/shoulder harness will be worn.
- C) Use radio per communications S.O.G.
- D) Position vehicle to its best advantage.
 - 1. So repositioning is not necessary.
 - 2. Holding tank/s can be positioned unobstructed.
 - 3. Hose lines can reach the fire or other emergencies.

23.06 After the engine is positioned the operator will do the following:

- A) All fire pumps will be carried wet at all times, with tank to pump and tank refill valves fully open.

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- B) The operator will immediately put pump in gear and start circulating water (winter and summer).
 - 1. This applies to all engines that arrive at the scene, whether primary attack engine or backup engine.
- C) Operator will move to pump panel and bring engine to at least 1000 R.P.M.s.
- D) As hose lines are put in service the operator shall bring pump to operating pressure and maintain proper pressure on all lines.
- E) The pump to tank valve shall be shut down as hose lines are added to maintain pump pressure.
- F) During mop-up operations, follow methods as outlined in Section 23.03(C).

23.07 The operator shall stay with the engine at all times.

23.08 To break down, reverse the steps in Section 23.06.

23.09 This guideline applies to engines only, all other pumps (i.e. portables, brush truck pumps, etc.) will be drained.