

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHAPTER 2: STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

Part 1: Response Guidelines

Subject: Trailer Guidelines

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- 38.01 Purpose. To provide a guideline for all personnel when towing trailers.
- 38.02 Goal. To have all Township Fire Department personnel trained to the level of driver/operator.
- 38.03 Definitions:
- A) Trailer – any trailer owned or used by Township Fire Department.
- 38.04 Towing of TFD trailers will be limited to a Code 2 response.
- 38.05 No one will be permitted to pull, attach a vehicle to a trailer, or in any way operate a vehicle attached to a TFD trailer unless they have been checked off by the Battalion Chief, or designee, in the proper operation of the trailer.
- 38.06 Proper operation of the trailer will include, but not be limited to, the following:
- A) Proper backing the vehicle to the tongue of the trailer and attaching it properly to the towing vehicle.
 - B) Proper attachment of safety chains and electrical hook ups.
 - C) Checking all lighting and safety equipment on the trailer.
 - D) Checking and making sure the load is properly attached to the trailer.
 - E) Proper driving forward, signaling and operation in traffic allowing for the added distance the trailer requires.
 - F) Backing the trailer in a straight line.
 - G) Backing the trailer into a driveway, or simulated driveway, both to the left and right.
 - H) Backing the trailer into the garage or storage area where it is kept.
 - I) Backing the trailer in a Y turn for reverse direction.
 - J) Being able to stop when commanded, simulating sudden traffic movement
 - K) Proper disconnection of the trailer and connections.
 - L) Proper setting of the vehicles parking brake, including park when exiting the vehicle.
 - M) Proper use of low range 4 wheel drive when pulling a load up an incline, on soft ground, or on a boat ramp.
 - N) Ensuring that the tow vehicle is properly rated to tow the trailer needed.
 - O) Personnel shall have annual refresher training.
- 38.07 TFD owned trailers shall meet requirements defined in NFPA 1901 Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus, Chapter 26 – Trailers.