CARVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guidelines

Section 3.11 – Operation of POV **June 5, 2018**

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to establish procedures for the safe driving of Personal Operated Vehicles (POV) while responding to emergency incidents as a member of the Carver Fire Department

1.1 SCOPE

This guideline includes the movement of a Personal Operated Vehicle while responding to An incident as a member of the Carver Fire Department

1.2 OPERATION OF PERSONAL VEHICLES

01. All Firefighters driving their personal vehicles to the scene of an emergency shall obey all Mass. State Laws and Statutes, particularly as they apply to speed limits and the regard of traffic control and flow signs.

02. Firefighters who either hold a Company position or have successfully completed the recruit training course may at their own expense install approved red visual warning devices on their personal vehicles if they so desire. This shall only be done after the proper permit has been issued by the Fire Chief and stamped by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. These devices shall be mounted inside the vehicle below the roof line or outside the vehicle below the dashboard level.

03. Those firefighters having red visual warning devices meeting these requirements shall drive their personal vehicles in a safe and prudent manner when making a response to the scene of an emergency and shall obey all Mass. motor vehicle laws.

04. The use of red visual warning devices for other than response to departmental emergencies will result in disciplinary action.

05. The use of red visual warning devices on personal vehicles outside the Town of Carver is prohibited.

06. All personally owned and operated vehicles utilized by Carver Fire Department personnel responding to an emergency scene or Fire Station shall meet or exceed any applicable local, state, or federal laws. This specifically relates to driver's license, insurance and registration of the vehicle.

07. Any member of the Carver Fire Department who loses his/her right to operate a motor vehicle SHALL report this information to his/her Captain or Lieutenant within 48 hours of notice of loss. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

08. All personnel in privately owned vehicles (POV's) must yield the right of way to all Official Fire, EMS, and Police units in emergency responses.

09. Firefighters are not to park their POV's within the area used for apparatus or staging. POV's are to only park generally on the right side of the roadway away from the immediate scene.

10. No siren or audible waring devices, used for Incident responses, are permitted in CFD privately own vehicles.

All active members are encouraged to display a departmental identification decal on their POV's. The location is to be on driver's side rear window. Upon the sale of the vehicle or departmental termination, the individual shall remove any and all Carver Fire Department markings.

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