

B-34 Apparatus Drivers And Operators

Non-Emergency Manual

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Policy/Procedure

- **1.** Each Company Officer shall train all members of his or her company as apparatus drivers and operators.
- **2.** All fire personnel shall utilize safety equipment provided by the City.
- **3.** All members shall wear and fasten their seatbelts while riding in or on any department vehicle. It shall be the driver's responsibility to ensure that all members have their seatbelts buckled before proceeding. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be considered a safety violation for the driver and/or member under Article XX, Section L, of the Department's Rule Book.
- **4.** Fire Department vehicles that can be locked shall be locked whenever left unattended outside of quarters. Each officer, acting officer, or member riding the seat of a unit shall be held responsible for equipment that is lost or stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Vehicles that cannot be locked shall not be left unattended in non-emergency situations unless they are parked in a secure area. Special consideration shall be made, in emergency situations, to keep a member attending to any vehicle that cannot be locked unless that member's immediate presence is needed to handle the emergency at hand. In no way, however, shall security of Toledo Fire and Rescue Department equipment take priority over public safety.

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