

POINT PLEASANT BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Drivers / Operators

Standard Operating Guideline

Driver/Operator Training Requirements:

To be considered a certified Driver/Operator, a member must successfully meet the following requirements:

General Requirements:

1. Possesses a New Jersey Firefighter Level 1 Certificate.
2. Serve at least six (6) months as a Senior Member.
3. Attend and successfully complete the Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator (CEVO) – Fire class. Proof of a passing test grade is required.
4. Must have a valid New Jersey Driver's License, with three years of driving experience.
 - Any member that has more than six (6) driving points or two (2) DWI violations must be approved by the Board of Fire Officers to perform as a Driver/Operator.
5. Must satisfy all requirements imposed under New Jersey State law and the municipal insurance provider.

Note: This section refers to emergency responses only. No part of this section is intended to preclude a member from operating a Department support vehicle in a non-emergency mode.

New Driver Operators:

- **Engines/Pumpers:**

1. Must satisfy all requirements of the General Section.
2. Attend and pass an approved Pump Operations Class.
 - Currently, the Dover Township Fire Academy and the Monmouth County Fire Academy conduct the approved Pump Operator classes.
3. Complete ten (10) hours behind the wheel training, with an approved operator for the apparatus.
4. Successfully complete an Operator skill test.
 - Must be approved by any two qualified operators, who must be either a Line Officer, an Engineer or certified Firefighter Instructor, with final approval, by the Company Captain.

5. Upon satisfactory completion of items 1,2 and 4 and the completion of five (5) hours of behind the wheel training, the member shall be considered a probationary Driver/Operator and be allowed to drive and operate the Engine so long as another certified Driver/Operator is on the apparatus, upon approval of the Captain of the member's fire company.

- **Aerials/Ladders:**

1. Must satisfy the above criteria for General Operator and Engine Operator.
2. Successfully complete an Operator skill test.
 - Must be approved by any two qualified operators, who must be either a Line Officer, an Engineer or Certified Firefighter Instructor, with final approval by the Company Captain.
3. Complete ten (10) hours behind the wheel training, with an approved operator for the apparatus.
4. Upon satisfactory completion of items 1 and 2 and the completion of five (5) hours of behind the wheel training, the member shall be considered a probationary Driver/Operator and be allowed to drive and operate the apparatus so long as another certified Driver/Operator is on the apparatus, upon approval of the Captain of the member's fire company.

Annual re-certification:

All driver/operators for Engines and Ladders must annually re-certify on each apparatus that they are approved as a driver/operator for. Re-certifications to be approved by the Captain or his designee.

Accidents:

Any members involved in a motor vehicle accident while operating a Fire Department vehicle may be subject to drug and alcohol testing. The Police Department will be notified of an accident involving a Fire Department vehicle and a police report will be filed. The Captain of the member's company, the Fire Chief, and the Assistant Chief shall also be notified.

Cell Phone usage:

The use of a cellular phone, by the driver, while driving a Fire Department vehicle is prohibited.

Smoking:

Smoking is prohibited at all times in any Fire Department vehicle.