FELTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

ARTICLE: III SOP: 3202

SECTION: 3200 Training

SUBJECT: Driver/Operator Duty Statement

PURPOSE: To establish an operational statement regarding the responsibilities and requirements of the Driver/Operator while operating fire district apparatus for all manner of response types. Safety is the key. The apparatus and personnel must arrive, complete tasks on scene and return safely to the fire station. Citizens place a high regard on fire fighters and those in control of fire apparatus. It is the Driver/Operator’s duty to perform safely reducing the risk of accident, injury and loss of life.

SCOPE: All personnel

PROCEDURE:

1. Drive and operate all apparatus in a manner consistent with safety. Due regard for the welfare of the public and fire district personnel shall govern the operation of all apparatus.
2. Driver/Operator shall be responsible for the condition and operation of the apparatus to which they are assigned and will be held accountable for its readiness for service.
3. To expedite a rapid response and arrival on scene of the emergency, Driver/Operators will acquaint themselves with the district streets and roadways, topography, physical conditions, water supply and other matters affecting response within the fire district’s service boundaries.
4. Driver/Operators shall familiarize themselves with the practice and procedures relative to water supply, fire streams, pump operations, motor and drive train and any other operations which will enable them to efficiently perform their duties.
5. In the absence of an officer on the apparatus, the Driver/Operator will act as the officer of the apparatus.
6. Driver/Operator may need to assist in firefighting, pulling hose, establishing a water supply, provide size up, Establish Incident Command, request resources, EMS and any other duties on the scene of the emergency beyond the duties of driving and operating the fire pump.
7. Requirements to perform the duties of Driver/Operator:
   1. Valid California Driver’s license with fire apparatus endorsement.
   2. The Driver/Operator must be at least 21 years of age.
   3. State Fire Marshal Driver 1A & B certificates or successful completion of Felton Fire District in-house training.
   4. Demonstrate skill in operating the pump of each Felton Fire apparatus.
   5. Demonstrate driving skill on each apparatus of the Felton Fire District
   6. Minimum of 16 hours of driving fire apparatus. These hours will be documented and be completed with a current Driver/Operator, Captain or Chief.
   7. In order to complete the needed hours and develop driving skills, with the approval of the Chief, Captain or Driver/Operator on the apparatus, the trainee may drive to non-emergent (no Code 3 emergencies) calls for service and at training drills.
   8. Successful completion of a written and skills test.
8. This list of duties is not meant to be all inclusive. The Driver/Operator may perform other duties beyond what is listed in this procedure. Each emergency may present varying needs of the personnel on the apparatus and the Driver/Operator may find themselves doing tasks to assist in the efficient operation and mitigation of the emergency which may or may not include driving and operating the apparatus.