

# SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

## Standard Operating Procedures

### 10.10.05 APPARATUS CHAINING



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Approved:

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**Purpose:** To outline the procedure to chain apparatus tires when conditions call for the use of chains.

**References:** N/A

**Procedure:**

1. When the weather has an adverse effect on the safe operation and the ability to respond to areas, use the following guidelines as to when to chain up the apparatus:
  - a) Snow covered, hard packed, or icy (all roads) . . . Use chains.
  - b) Slushy, patchy exposed pavement . . . . . On spots when needed.
  - c) Soft snow (making tracks) . . . . . On spots when needed.
  - d) Main roads clear, side roads snow packed . . . . . Consider using on spot.
  - e) If in doubt, always error on the side of safety and chain up.
2. It is the officer's discretion on when to chain apparatus.
3. The following conditions can help in the decision to chain up or not:
  - a) During the winter season chains will be carried on the apparatus.
  - b) Whether you are responding code or not, if a link breaks stop and tie the broken link to the side rails.
4. The following should also apply concerning chains and their use:
  - a) During the winter season chains will be carried on the apparatus.
  - b) Whether you are responding code or not, if a link breaks stop and tie the broken link to the side rails.