

# SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

## Standard Operating Procedures

### 10.10.08 VEHICLE USE AND OPERATION



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**Purpose:** It is the Fire District's desire to ensure that all personnel operating Fire District vehicles are aware of conditions and circumstances under which these vehicles are to be utilized, including emergency and non-emergency use.

**References:** WAC 296-305-04503  
WAC 296-305-0711 (3)  
WAC 296-305-04505  
RCW 46.61.035  
DOT Part 49 CFR, Section 571  
Standards 209 and 210  
DOT 23 CFR, Part 634

**Procedure:**

1. All Fire District vehicles must be operated within the provisions of the State laws relating to the operation of motor vehicles, inclusive of emergency or non-emergency use.
2. General Guidelines.
  - a) Drivers of fire apparatus shall not move Fire District vehicles until all persons are seated and secured with seat belts in approved riding positions.
  - b) All persons riding on fire apparatus shall be seated and secure to the vehicle by seat belts at any time the vehicle is in motion.
  - c) Fire apparatus shall be brought to a full stop before members are allowed to step on or off from the apparatus.
  - d) All apparatus shall utilize wheel chocks when parked outside of the fire stations. NO EXCEPTIONS.
  - e) Fire District apparatus shall not be operated in reverse without a spotter at the rear of the vehicle to guide the driver and ensure freedom of obstruction.
    - i. Exception: When a spotter is not available, the apparatus operator must park the apparatus and complete a full 360° walk-around the apparatus, surveying the area for obstructions before proceeding to back up. Even in the case of an installed back up camera