

WAC 296-305-04505 Automotive apparatus operational rules. (1)

Each employer of staffed fire apparatus must establish a written policy and procedure whereby the apparatus has a scheduled daily operational check. Each employer of unstaffed fire apparatus must establish a schedule appropriate to that department's activities.

(2) Any item found to be in need of repair must be reported immediately to the officer in charge or other appropriate person.

(3) Firefighting apparatus must be brought to a full stop before employees are allowed to step from the apparatus.

(4) Firefighters must not be in the apparatus hose bed while hose is being run out from the bed.

(5) Headlights must be on at all times when any fire or emergency vehicle is responding to a call.

(6) All apparatus over 20,000 pounds (gross vehicle weight) must utilize wheel chocks, rated for the specific apparatus they are being used with, when parked at an emergency scene.

(7) Apparatus responding to alarms must meet specifications in RCW 46.61.035, relating to operations of authorized emergency vehicles.

(8) All operators of emergency vehicles must be trained in the operations of apparatus before they are designated as drivers of such apparatus. The training program must be established by each fire department. Once trained, all operators must familiarize themselves with any apparatus prior to operating such apparatus even for brief periods of time.

Additional Reference: Washington Fire Chiefs - Emergency Vehicle Incident Prevention (EVIP) program or other Washington state accredited program.

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