

<p style="text-align: center;">DAVIE COUNTY, NC FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES</p>	REVISION DATE 6/4/2018
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1. **Purpose:** To ensure the safety of the firefighters, other responders and the public while responding, operating on the scene of emergency incidents, clearing emergency incidents and returning to quarters.
2. **Scope:** All personal
3. **Procedure:**
 - 3.1. All persons riding on fire apparatus shall be seated and secured to the vehicle by seat belts or safety harnesses at any time the vehicle is in motion. Riding on tailboards, running boards, hose beds or any other exposed position is specifically prohibited. Standing while the apparatus is in motion is prohibited. (NFPA 1500)
 - 3.2. The only exception to this is permitted when loading supply hose from the street direct to the hose bed. The apparatus shall be operated at a walking pace speed, and a backing member shall provide guidance to the driver at all times via radio/intercom or headset.
 - 3.3. All new fire apparatus shall be specified with a sufficient number of seats and seat belts, in an enclosed area, as specified in NFPA 1901, for the maximum number of persons who may ride on the vehicle at any time. The maximum number of personnel permitted to ride on the apparatus shall be posted on the inside of the driver's door.
 - 3.4. All persons riding on fire apparatus shall wear and use noise-attenuating headsets, where provided, when responding to alarms.
 - 3.5. Only members of the DCFMO who have met the minimum training standards for riding apparatus may ride apparatus to alarms. The Fire Chief may make exceptions for events such as fire prevention, public service, training, etc.
 - 3.6. There may be times that it is necessary for fire fighters from other departments to ride DCFMO apparatus. This shall be permitted with the permission of the Fire Marshal or Emergency Management Director.
 - 3.6.1. Examples include:

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- 3.6.1.1. During relocation assignments to other stations, it is often desirable to have a fire fighter from the host department ride in the apparatus to provide travel directions and other pertinent response information.
- 3.6.1.2. While at the incident scene, it may be necessary to transport fire fighters from one point to another.
- 3.6.1.3. Regardless of the circumstances, the Driver and/or Riding Officer shall inform any rider unfamiliar with DCFMO policies that seat belt usage is mandatory.