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Standard Operating Guidelines

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Purpose: To establish guidelines and procedures to govern the riding of apparatus to fire/emergencies.

All personnel shall ride fire apparatus to the fire scene unless the exception criteria outlined in SOG KP-1-0007 are met.

All personnel with the exception of the Driver shall be in full bunker gear when riding the fire apparatus.

The Driver does not have to have any gear on. He/she must have his/her gear with him/her.

No Firefighter shall ride the tailboard of any piece of apparatus in the King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company. There shall be only one person riding the apparatus for every seated position on the apparatus. There shall be no more than two people in the cab of the apparatus without the specific approval of the Director and Driver.

All personnel riding the fire apparatus shall be seated and have their seat belts buckled while the apparatus is in motion. No Firefighter shall dismount the apparatus without the specific order of the Driver, Director, or an Officer on the scene.

All personnel shall wear communications headset system, if the apparatus is equipped with the system.

When dismounting the apparatus at any confirmed fire/emergency where wearing an air pack is required (see SOG KP-2-0001) the Firefighter shall have his/her SCBA on, the system activated, and ready to go into service.

Upon the sounding of the Fireground Emergency Evacuation Signal (see SOG KP-2-0005) all personnel shall return to the apparatus that they responded to the fire on.

Those Firefighters riding a specific piece of apparatus to a fire shall be responsible for putting that piece of apparatus back into service after a fire/emergency.