

Yamhill Fire Protection District

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Apparatus Operator Training and Promotion

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PURPOSE:

To provide a systematic way of training, and checking off members of the district, enabling those members to operate emergency vehicles utilized by the Yamhill Fire Protection District, also allows for the requirements needed by those members to be promoted to the rank of Engineer within the district.

DEFINITIONS:

Light emergency Apparatus:

Those vehicles within the Yamhill Fire Protection District that respond to emergencies, such as Brush 4, Brush 41, Car-4, and Car-41.

Engines:

Those vehicles within the Yamhill Fire Protection District that respond to emergencies such as Engine 41, Engine 42, Engine 43, and Engine 4.

Water Tenders:

Those vehicles within the Yamhill Fire Protection District that respond to emergencies such as Water Tender 4 and Water Tender 41 (Engine 41).

Other Emergency Vehicles:

Those vehicles within the Yamhill Fire Protection District that respond to emergencies, such as Rescue 4.

Other Vehicles:

Those vehicles owned by the Yamhill Fire Protection District that may or may not respond to emergencies, such as duty vehicles and support units.

Apparatus Operator:

The person assigned to an, apparatus, during an emergency or training situation that is responsible for the safe and knowledgeable operation of that apparatus.

Company Officer:

The person assigned to an, apparatus during an emergency or training situation that is responsible for the safe and knowledgeable operation of that apparatus.

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Fast-Track:

A process of qualifying a person to operate District Equipment without first completing the drivers training manual. All behind the wheel requirements will still apply.

TRAINING:

All members wishing to be considered for Apparatus Operator training must meet the minimum qualifications:

- 18 years of age for the following classification of vehicles... Light Emergency Apparatus, Other Emergency Vehicles, and Other Vehicles.
- 21 years of age for the following classification of vehicles...Engines, and Water Tenders.
- Have completed an approved Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course, with the following modification: must complete the cone course with 9 points or less.
- Have completed an approved Apparatus Operator course.
- Have an insurable driving record for at least three years, as indicated by DMV license checks.
- Have at least two years of experience as a firefighter with the Yamhill Fire Protection District, or one-year experience with two years, experience at another firefighting agency to drive Engines and Water Tenders.
- Have passed the district's map test and area familiarization test.

The number of hours needed to achieve competency in both the driving aspect as well as the operational aspect of the vehicles will vary depending on both the trainee and the vehicle in which they are training. The following guidelines are to be followed:

DRIVE TIME:

For all vehicles, with the exception, of the Engines and Water Tenders, at least three hours of behind the wheel training with a qualified operator or officer for each vehicle. At least five hours of behind the wheel training for each vehicle engine or tender the first hour must be supervised by an EVOC instructor the remaining four hours with an engineer or officer. Additional hours may be required by individual needs to accomplish the necessary training.

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OPERATION TIME:

This time frame will depend on how long it takes the member to complete both the task book and performance evaluations.

EVALUATION:

Any recognized officer or apparatus operator may work with the individuals working towards their Engineer position. At least one officer and Engineer will perform evaluations. All evaluations and training time must be logged in the individual's logbook and a drill roster must be completed.

FINAL DECISION:

The Fire Chief will make the final decision for **any** member to drive **any** district vehicle after consulting with the Board of Officers. No one will be promoted to Engineer without first being discussed at the regular monthly officers meeting including the "Fast-Tracked" personnel.

HARDSHIP CASES:

In the event, that the Fire District, becomes short-handed in the number of trained apparatus operator's, the Fire Chief may make exceptions to this policy by "Fast-Tracking" individuals through the training process. Those individuals will still be required to complete all, of the training as described above within a reasonable time frame to be decided by the officers.

PROMOTION:

Upon completion of all training, evaluations, and final approval, the firefighter's who have completed the training will be eligible to be promoted to the rank of Engineer. This promotion is subject to a twelve-month probationary period.