

THE GLENHAM FIRE DISTRICT STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE AND PROCEDURE	SUBJECT NO. GFD-43-05
DEPARTMENT: Glenham Fire Department SUBJECT: Firefighter Classifications	
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Upon completion of an initial or annual physical, members will be classified as to one of the following categories. For members that have just joined the Slater Chemical Fire Company, each classification has minimal qualifications that must be met within a certain time period. At any time shall a chief officer feel that the firefighter has not met qualifications or cannot show competency or proficiency in training required to perform tasks in their classification, that said firefighter may be moved to a classification that meets the chief's approval.

Interior Firefighter:

A member that is classified as Interior will be expected to perform all Functions related to fire suppression and rescue operations. This may Include, but is not limited to, interior fire suppression, search and rescue, Ventilation, car fire suppression, vehicle extrication, etc. All members that Are classified in this category must complete the New York State Firefighter I class (or equivalent). A Firefighter will not be Classified as an interior Firefighter until he or she reaches the age of 18 years of age, even with the completion of Firefighter I.

Exterior Firefighter:

A Member that is classified as exterior, will at no time perform any interior Operations, or work in a IDLH atmosphere. The duties that Exterior Firefighters are expected to perform may include, but are not limited to, assisting in stretching hose lines, setting up fire ground operations (lighting, staging area, bottle exchange area), collecting accountability tags, and general scene support, extrication and rescue operations that member has been trained and qualified to perform, etc. All members that are classified in this category must have completed, at a

minimum, the New York State scene support Operations class (or Equivalent) and show proficiency and competency of said training.

Exterior Scene Support:

A Member that is classified as scene support, will at no time perform any interior Operations, or work in a IDLH atmosphere. The duties that Scene Support Firefighters are expected to perform may include, but are not limited to, assisting in stretching hose lines, hitting a hydrant, setting up fire ground operations (lighting, staging area, bottle exchange area), collecting accountability tags, and general scene support, EMS response support, extrication and rescue operations that the member has been trained and qualified to perform. Scene support members are not respond directly on mutual aid calls unless authorized by commanding officer. All members that are classified in this category must complete a minimum of 10 drills/training and show proficiency and competency of said training.

Fire Police:

The Fire Police unit or squad shall be organized by the Fire Police Captain of the Fire Company. This unit or squad shall consist of Active Members of the Company. They will be expressly prohibited from engaging in interior firefighting activities. They will not be required, but will be encouraged, to participate in quick call activities. They shall be required to attend a minimum of six **(8)** drills per calendar year, if they have met the minimum training requirements set forth in the By-Laws of the Slater Chemical Fire Company. Members of the Fire Police shall be subject to the social requirements of the Company. They shall not be eligible for Firematic office other than that of Captain or Lieutenant of the Fire Police. Members of the Fire Police shall be required to satisfy all the requirements of an Active Firefighter in order to change their status to that of an Active Firefighter. The Fire Police must answer every alarm and shall direct traffic in the vicinity of the incident and keep unauthorized persons from entering the incident area and clear of the apparatus. They shall direct vehicular traffic at all functions of the Fire Company or when called upon by the Captain. Fire Police shall protect all personal property at the incident area until relieved of their duty by the Captain.

Driver / MPO:

A member that is classified as Driver will be expected to perform the duties of Driver and meet the minimum qualifications as outlined under the Driver/ MPO section of these guidelines.

Responsibilities:

An approved Motor Pump Operator (MPO) is to, upon receipt of an alarm, report to the station and respond with the appropriate apparatus, or, if the apparatus has already responded, report to the scene to assist with the apparatus. Operation of the apparatus and pumps shall be in accordance with normal Standard Operating Guidelines at all times. In the event that no direct orders or request for a particular pump operation are received by the MPO, the procedures outlined in the New York State Motor Pump Operators Course or its equivalent shall be followed using due care.

In addition to MPO duties, MPO's are required to perform the Firematic duties and obligations as required by the Company's By-Laws.

In addition to the emergency duties of an MPO, the following are also assigned:

1. Report to the station on Monday nights, as assigned by the Assistant Chief, to perform Bi- weekly apparatus checks. All Driver/ MPOs must complete one **(1)** apparatus check per quarter. Failure to do so could result in removal from the eligible driver list.
2. Provide training and guidance to participants in the Department Driver Training Program, within the procedures set forth in the Driver Training portion of the SOG's.
3. Frequently review and practice procedures for driving and pump operations.
4. Respond and operate the apparatus for Company or District training and drills as assigned by the Officer in Charge.
5. Drive or complete any other assignments connected with the routine or special maintenance of the apparatus as required by the Officer in Charge.
6. In the event that an MPO's services are not required as an MPO at an alarm or drill, the MPO shall perform the duties of an Active fire personnel, up to his/her level of training, unless otherwise directed by the Officer in Charge.

Attending to Apparatus

Apparatus **shall not be left unattended** while out of quarters at any function or alarm (i.e.: parade, drill, house to house activities). If a rest period is needed for any reason or the driver in charge wishes to leave his apparatus, the driver will obtain qualified relief.

In cases where the apparatus is out of quarters, but on the ramp directly in front of, or behind the station, the Driver or MPO shall from time to time conduct a quick visual inspection of the apparatus to ensure that nothing is amiss. This is especially important where minors or young children are present.

Any apparatus attending a parade, drill, or other function North of Poughkeepsie, South of Cold Spring, East of the Taconic State Parkway, or West of the Hudson River **MUST** have two (2) qualified drivers on the apparatus. Any Officer who has the status of a qualified driver on that particular apparatus would qualify as a relief driver.

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