

EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS – Hose Loading Practices

Purpose:

- Establish for standardized and safe vehicle operations while loading large diameter hose onto Scriba Fire Apparatus.

Guideline

- Emergency vehicle drivers should never move the apparatus until he/she is absolutely certain of the whereabouts of all personnel. Personnel involved in hose loading operations can be permitted to ride on the moving apparatus so long as the following conditions are met:
 - There shall be an individual, other than those loading hose, assigned as a safety observer. The safety observer should have an unobstructed view of the hose loading operation and be in visual and voice contact with the apparatus operator.
 - Non-fire department vehicular traffic should be excluded from the area or should be under the control of authorized traffic control persons
 - The apparatus may back-up for hose lays 300 ft or less, if over 300 ft the fire apparatus should be driven forward at no more than 5 mph.
 - Personnel may be in the hose bed but should not be standing while the apparatus is in motion.