

| GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS Standard Operating Procedures | | |
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| Functional Area: SUPPORT SERVICES/FIRE SERVICES | Reference Number: IVN10-0007 | Revises Previous Effective Date: |
| Subject: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH/PERSONS RIDING IN MOTORIZED VEHICLES | | NEW |
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I. POLICY:

This standard shall apply to all persons riding in or on a motorized vehicle owned or operated by the Department except for EMT and paramedic students approved to ride on motorized vehicle. Student riders are covered by a separate standard.

II. APPLICABILITY:

All Department of Corrections Certified Firefighters in State and County Fire Departments.

III. RELATED DIRECTIVES:

NFPA 1500

IV. DEFINITIONS:

NONE

V. ATTACHMENTS:

NONE

VI. PROCEDURE:

A. (General)

1. No one shall be allowed to ride in an apparatus or motorized vehicle unless he/she is a Firefighter of the Department or has obtained special permission to ride as an observer.
2. Persons riding in or on a motorized vehicle shall observe the following:

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- a. All persons shall be seated in an approved riding position and shall be secured by a seat belt anytime the vehicle is in motion.
- b. Riding on the tailboard, running board, or other exposed position is strictly prohibited.
- c. Standing while riding is prohibited. Any member who rides in a standing position shall immediately be suspended pending an investigation of the incident.
- d. At no time shall anyone dismount a vehicle while it is still in motion.
- e. All persons riding on an apparatus that requires ear protection shall wear ear protection devices provided while the vehicle is in motion and whenever the audio warning devices are in use.

B. HOSE-LOADING OPERATION

1. Hose-loading operations may be permitted on moving apparatus provided that the following conditions are met:
 - a. A Firefighter other than those loading the hose shall be appointed as a safety observer. The safety observer shall have an unobstructed view of the hose-loading operation and shall be in both visual and voice contact with the apparatus operator.
 - b. Vehicular traffic shall be excluded from the area or shall be under the control of an authorized traffic control person.
 - c. Apparatus speed shall not exceed five mph when loading hose.
 - d. The apparatus shall not be moved until all Firefighters involved in loading the hose have been made aware that the apparatus is about to be moved.

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e. Members in the hose bed shall not stand while the vehicle is being moved, and those Firefighters on the tailboard shall step off the apparatus prior to its being moved.

2. The safety observer shall have the authority to discontinue any hose loading operation that is deemed to be unsafe.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. It shall be the responsibility of each Firefighter to comply with the provisions of this standard.

2. Drivers shall not operate their vehicles unless everyone on board is in compliance with the provisions of this standard.

3. Station Chiefs shall be strictly accountable for enforcing the provisions of this standard and shall correct any violations that are observed.