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# Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Training

## 600.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to enhance the safety of members and the public by ensuring that all Blue Ridge Fire District members who operate emergency vehicles as part of their duties, receive appropriate training.

### 600.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

**Emergency vehicle** - Any of the following vehicles (ARS § 28-101(4)):

- (a) A fire department vehicle
- (b) An ambulance or emergency vehicle of a municipal department or public service corporation that is designated or authorized by the department or a local authority.
- (c) Any other ambulance, fire truck or rescue vehicle that is authorized by the department in its sole discretion and that meets liability insurance requirements prescribed by the department.

## 600.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Blue Ridge Fire District that all members who operate emergency vehicles shall successfully complete driver training that meets or exceeds the requirements of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1002 or a recognized driver/operator training program.

Training should include written, oral and practical evaluations to demonstrate proficiency. The Training Coordinator shall annually audit and update driver/operator training materials to ensure compliance with local, state and federal requirements.

## 600.3 PROCEDURES

All members who operate emergency vehicles should have certification and training validating competent operational and driving skills consistent with NFPA 1002 or the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) driver/operator certification standards.

## 600.4 TRAINING COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

It shall be the responsibility of the Training Coordinator to ensure that any member required to drive emergency vehicles as a part of his/her normal duties has received all training required for competent, safe operation of the apparatus. The Training Coordinator shall coordinate with the district member appointed to monitor driver license status to ensure members have valid driver licenses, in accordance with the Driver License Requirements Policy.