

	Terryville Fire Department Best Practices	
	<u>Subject</u> Use of the Department Safety Officer Vehicle	BP# 1-04
	<u>Authority</u> Chief of Department	Initiated 8/1/13 Revised 4/1/16

A. PURPOSE

1. Provide the response procedure for Department Safety Officer (DSO) & Incident Safety Officer (ISO) and policy regarding the use of the safety vehicle (5A4-40).

B. POLICY

1. An ISO may utilize 5A4-40 whenever the vehicle is not being utilized as a spare Chief's vehicle, EMS First Responder or other authorized use by the BOFC or Chief of Department. He/She will respond directly to the scene of all emergency incidents and upon arrival assume the role as the ISO. He/She will work directly with the Incident Commander as a member of the Command Staff.

Should 5A-4-40 be in use by the ISO and the vehicle is needed for the one of the aforementioned purposes, the vehicle shall be promptly returned.

When responding to the scene, the operator shall adhere to the NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law governing emergency vehicle operation and proceed to all alarms with due caution. He/She shall give all normal radio transmissions, such as Signal 2, Signal 21, etc., as well as scene size-up if they are the first arriving unit. The vehicle shall be parked so as not to interfere with responding apparatus.

To insure the readiness to respond to emergencies the ISO is authorized to use 5A4-40 within the confines of the Fire District and the contiguous Fire Districts of Port Jefferson, Setauket, Mount Sinai, Coram and Selden.

5A4-40 shall not be used for commercial endeavors whether within or outside the confines of the fire district.

Whenever 5A4-40 is placed in or out of service by an ISO, he/she shall notify the dispatcher by radio.

The ISO shall be fully equipped and readily available to respond to emergencies whenever he/she has logged out 5A4-40.

When returning 5A4-40 the ISO shall make certain that the vehicle is clean and fueled.

Qualified ISO's not assigned the vehicle will respond on apparatus as part of the crew. Depending on the scope of the emergency incident, a member may be assigned as the ISO for a particular incident in the absence of the DSO or when additional ISO's are needed.

The designated call sign for the DSO or ISO using this vehicle will be "5A4-4X"