3.1.1.2 Riding Emergency Vehicles	
	YOUR ORGANIZATION STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES
TITLE: Riding Emergency Vehicles	SECTION/TOPIC: Operating Emergency Vehicles
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These SOF	/SOGs are based on FEMA guidelines FA-197

1.0 POLICY REFERENCE

CFR	
NFPA	
NIMS	

2.0 PURPOSE

This standard operating procedure/guideline addresses permitted vehicle occupants, passenger behavior, safety in emergency vehicles, reporting safety problems and violations.

3.0 SCOPE

This SOP/SOG pertains to all personnel in this organization.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

These definitions are pertinent to this SOP/SOG.

5.0 PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

5.1 Permitted Vehicle Occupants:

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

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- A. No one shall ride outside the passenger compartment of any piece of fire apparatus. i.e. the rear tail board of fire apparatus. This does not include open cab seating, as long as the other procedures are followed.
- B. No fire apparatus is to be in motion until all occupants are fastened in seat belts. While vehicle is responding to alarms, all firefighters shall be seated and no attempt should be made to don or doff any gear. This should be done before the apparatus starts or when it comes to a stop at the scene.
- C. During emergency responses, only full and probationary members are permitted to be on the apparatus.

NON-EMERGENCY DRIVING

Non members are allowed to only ride in Fire Dept support vehicles during non-emergency driving. All occupants are to be fastened in seat belts when vehicle is in motion.

PARADES

Only Fire Dept members, City Officials and City Official's guests are permitted to ride on Fire Department apparatus during parades. Apparatus speed will be limited to 5 MPH. Non seat belt use and outside riding is allowed under strict control. Apparatus is considered out of service until all non-fire dept. occupants are off the vehicle, and the vehicle has left the drop off point.

5.2 Passenger Behavior:

5.3 Safety in Emergency Vehicles:

5.4 Reporting Safety Problems and Violations: