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Waterloo Vol Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines

HOSE LOADING POLICY

This policy has been promulgated for the safety of all members during hose loading operations and specifically relates to the department policy prohibiting riding on tailboards.

Hose loading operations shall be permitted to be performed on moving fire apparatus only when all of the following conditions are complied with:

1. All members involved have been properly trained in hose loading procedures and policies.
2. There shall be a member, other than those loading hose, assigned as a safety observer. The safety observer shall have an unobstructed view of the hose loading operation and be in visual and voice contact with the apparatus operator.
3. Non-fire department vehicular traffic shall be excluded from the area or shall be under the control of authorized traffic control persons.
4. The fire apparatus shall be driven only in a forward direction at a speed of 5 MPH or less.
5. No members shall be allowed to stand on the tailstep, sidesteps, running boards, or any location on the apparatus while the apparatus is in motion.
6. Members shall be permitted to be in the hose bed, but shall not stand while the apparatus is in motion.
7. Prior to the beginning of each hose loading operation, the situation shall be evaluated to ensure compliance with all provisions of this policy. If the policy procedure cannot be complied with, or if there is any question as to safety of the operation for the specific situation, then the hose shall not be loaded on moving fire apparatus.