TOLEDO FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

B-2 Backing of Apparatus

Non-Emergency Manual

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Purpose

To ensure the safety of TFRD personnel while backing apparatus and accident prevention.

Policy/Procedure

1. All fire personnel excluding the driver, on any TFRD apparatus shall exit the vehicle and ALL personnel shall assist in backing any and all apparatus into the desired location.

2. The driver is ultimately responsible for the safe operations of the apparatus AT ALL TIMES!

3. If driver loses sight of the backer, they shall immediately stop apparatus until they once again gain sight of their backer!

4. Plymovent person is NOT a backer unless apparatus has only 2 persons assigned. If the plymovent person is to be utilized as a backer, the following procedure shall be followed:

- The Plymovent person shall guide apparatus to doorway of bay and driver shall stop rig completely.
- The Plymovent shall be attached to apparatus, and then plymovent person shall move into position where he/she is clearly visible to the driver.
- The Plymovent person will then guide apparatus slowly and safely into bay.

5. Reflective vests shall be utilized by all fire personnel when backing on public streets and or highways.

6. Portable radios shall be utilized in case contact needs to be made with the driver or an emergency stop is needed. The portable microphone shall be carried in a state of readiness, and all members must be on the same channel.

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