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SECTION: Training

TITLE: Driver Training Program

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A. POLICY

- 1) It is the policy of Bend Fire & Rescue (BF&R) to establish and maintain a Driver Training Program in order to provide a structured system for development of safe and competent operators of emergency vehicles. This policy applies to all members of the Operations Division of BF&R.

B. PROCEDURE

- 1) All career members of the Operations Division will meet the requirements and instructions of this policy.
- 2) All new career members will be required to follow the steps outlined in this policy. New career members will take part in the driver training program as part of the probationary process.

C. INSTRUCTION

- 1) New career members will be automatically entered into the Driver Training Program.
- 2) The driver training program shall consist of the following components
 - Classroom instruction to include all competencies covered in DPSST Driver.
 - Introduction to operation of Medic Unit.
 - Driver course in Medic Unit.
 - Road check in Medic Unit
 - Supervised non-emergency driving experience period
 - Supervised emergency driving experience period
 - Driver release
- 3) Classroom:
 - The classroom training shall include: defensive driving, BF&R policies, driving law, and general apparatus maintenance. Individuals who already hold the certification of DPSST Driver may not need to complete the entire classroom program.
- 4) Introduction to Medic Unit:

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- All trainees shall be given an introduction to the operation, maintenance, and checks for medic unit.

5) Driver Course

- The driver course is a closed obstacle course using traffic cones. Successful completion of driving cone course with medic unit is required to proceed to the next stage of training.

6) Road Check

- The road check is to evaluate the trainee on driving ability on public roads. Successful completion of driving course on the public roads is required to proceed to the next level of training.

7) Supervised non-emergency experience

- This is a period in which the individual gains experience and confidence in non-emergency operation and handling of the medic unit in supervised setting on public roadways. The trainee will drive under the supervision of an assigned Captain using a "sign-off" form. The minimum actual supervised non-emergency driving time shall be one hour.

8) Supervised emergency experience

- This is a continuation of the previous stage during which the trainee gains experience in emergency operation and handling of the medic unit in supervised setting on public roadways. The trainee will drive under the supervision of an assigned Captain using a "sign-off" form. The minimum supervised emergency driving experience shall be six code three responses for a minimum total of thirty minutes (enroute to arrival time).

9) Driver Release

- With the successful completion of this program, the trainee is approved to operate BF&R medic units for emergency operation. Operation of other BF&R apparatus shall be granted upon training and check-off with those apparatus.

10) Community Engine Drivers

- Non-operational volunteers interested in driving the community engine for public events must participate in a standard drivers training course. The course shall be consistent with current standards. Volunteers will partake in the classroom portion and the closed cones course. A minimum of one hour drive time on a roads course will be required under supervision from driving instructor.