

PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to provide general guidelines to be used to determine whether or not it is appropriate to leave a piece of apparatus unattended.

POLICY

The following outlines various scenarios and identifies when fire department personnel must stay with a piece of apparatus and when it may be appropriate to leave fire department apparatus unattended. Apparatus, for the purpose of this procedure is defined as a fire pumper, ladder truck, or ladder tender.

Emergency Incidents

It is appropriate to leave your apparatus unattended for the delivery of emergency services.

Grocery Shopping

Units with sufficient manpower (4) shall use alternative means to pick-up groceries (i.e., brush truck, pick-up, sedan). Units without sufficient manpower may use the apparatus, providing however, at least one member remains with the apparatus to prevent unauthorized admittance.

Company Training

It is appropriate to leave the apparatus unattended while at company training at the Fire Academy.

Medic Retrieval

Whenever possible the ambulance shall return the medic (s) to his/her station. However, in those circumstances when a unit retrieves its medic (s) from the hospital, at least one member shall remain with the apparatus.

Other Situations

It is the responsibility of the company officer to take reasonable precautions to insure that his apparatus is protected at all times.

Approved:  _____
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