SOP 401 – CHAUFFEUR QUALIFICATION

CLASS A-AERIAL AND PLATFORM APPARATUS
CLASS B- ENGINES AND HEAVY RESCUE ENGINES
CLASS C CERTIFICATION – AMBULANCES
CLASS D- ALL SPECIALTY APPARATUS

1. Member must be at least 21 years of age.
2. Member must present a copy of a current NYS drivers license with a completed department driving application for each class of vehicle to their Company Captain.
3. The length of service needed for qualification is as follows:
   - A–Member must have completed three years with department.
   - B–Member must have completed two years with department.
   - C- Member must have completed one year with the department and be off probation.
   - D- Approval of the Chief.
4. A, B & D – Officer or D.T.I. will instruct trainee on all equipment on apparatus.
5. C – Officer or D.T.I. will instruct on driving. Rescue Officer will instruct on equipment.
6. A, B & D – Trainee will spend a minimum of 10 hours with D.T.I. on pump operation and on road training (exclusive of equipment review).
7. C – Trainee will spend a minimum of 10 hours with D.T.I. in operation of on board equipment and on road driving.
8. *All training hours shall be documented!*
9. Driver training and pump operation instruction will be performed by an authorized driver training instructor with supplementary instruction by the company officers
10. A & B– The trainee must pass a written test with a grade of no less than 75% before starting hands on training.
11. "ABLE" car drivers must be holders of a valid EMT-D certification, be a member of the Rescue Squad and be a qualified ambulance driver with supplementary training by rescue officers.
12. All qualified chauffeurs shall maintain their qualification on company apparatus by driving each vehicle once per (3) month period. Failure to drive each vehicle for which the chauffeur is qualified for a period of greater then (3) months shall result in the suspension of the qualification on that vehicle.
13. To re-qualify on the suspended qualification, the chauffeur shall contact a company officer and complete a refresher course on the suspended apparatus.
14. It shall be the responsibility of the company captain to provide a list of current chauffeurs and suspended chauffeurs each three (3) months at the Council of Officers. The company captain shall provide the list of refreshed chauffeurs the month following the month's Council of Officers.
15. The Chief will consider prior driving experience for a member that has served with another fire department or ambulance company on a case by case basis.

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