

CANNING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

OPERATORS / DRIVERS

- A) All operators must have a valid Nova Scotia drivers license. The operator shall at all times drive their unit so as to comply with the requirements of the Motor Vehicle Act. The operators shall remain at the pump panel when the pump of their unit is in operation unless directed by the Officer or Incident Commander. No operator shall be held responsible for any damage caused while acting under the direct orders of a Senior Officer.

- B) All operators must be fully trained by the Fire Department to operate and drive the units assigned to them as outlined by the Training Committee in Truck Operations and Pump Operations Guidelines.

- C) The operator of the unit shall not drive or operate any unit if they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

- D) All units shall have, if possible, a “spotter” to assist the operator of the unit when backing up.

- E) In the event of a call the first operator to arrive at a station, and is trained to use the unit, will operate the unit. It may be necessary to change operators at the station or at a scene if an officer sees fit to do so. Example the first operator to arrive at the station maybe be asked to get on back and use a SCBA because we need SCBA trained firefighter and another operator can run the unit. The operator that is operating the unit when it leaves the hall will continue to operate the truck for the duration of the call unless the operator voluntarily releases the truck through the officer in command or by direction of the officer in command. When operators are not operating a truck they are to report to staging for further assignment. It is also reminded that all operators are to have their full turnout gear with them at any call.