

Buechel Fire Protection District

SAFETY POLICIES

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	<p>The general purpose of safety procedures, are to instill a sense of awareness in firefighters to the dangers present in all aspects of firefighting in an attempt to eliminate injuries.</p> <p>The purpose on this procedure is to set a uniform policy for response by individuals in their private vehicles to the firehouse.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="285 730 1373 905">1. Each member shall know and observe all state laws regarding the operation of an emergency vehicle. These are KRS 189.920, 189.930, 189.940, 189.950 and 189.993. No emergency runs are to be made without both red-light and siren that adheres to the Kentucky Revised Statutes. (See Appendix A-0007 – KRS Chapter 189).<li data-bbox="285 947 1373 1121">2. All private vehicles to be used for emergency responses to the firehouse are to be of a mechanically sound nature. The Chief or his designee will determine if a vehicle is unfit for emergency runs. An annual vehicle checkout will be conducted to assure that private vehicles to be used for emergency runs meet district standards.<li data-bbox="285 1163 1373 1415">3. All members wishing to make emergency runs in their private vehicles must have an annual inspection of their red-lights and siren to insure compliance with state motor vehicle laws pertaining to emergency vehicles. (See Attachment). No red-light and siren permits will be issued until this inspection has been successfully completed. No one will be allowed to make emergency runs without a valid red-light and siren permit. Any changes in warning equipment will require a re-inspection.<li data-bbox="285 1457 1373 1631">4. A current Kentucky driver's license, proof of liability insurance and vehicle registration tag must be maintained by all members. If any item(s) are lost, expired or revoked the Chief is to be notified immediately. These items may be inspected periodically by the fire district. The member shall refrain from responding to the station until the item(s) have been corrected.<li data-bbox="285 1673 1373 1892">5. An emergency response creates a great deal more risk to the vehicle operator as well as to the general public. With this in mind, good judgment should be used when responding to the firehouse. Pagers should be monitored while en-route to the firehouse. If equipment is canceled or an "under control" call is made, there is no need to continue on emergency. This holds true when one is need to continue on emergency. This holds true

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	when one is a long distance from the firehouse, especially on non-life threatening runs.
6.	No emergency runs are to be made from outside an area immediately served by the Buechel Fire Protection District. If moving outside the area served by the Buechel Fire Protection District, approval to respond to emergency runs from your new place of residency must be approved by the Chief of the district. Emergency runs will be permitted that would require passing out of the area served by the Buechel Fire Protection District while en-route to the firehouse and conform with procedures set forth in this section.
7.	Runs are to be made in one of two fashions, “Non emergency” or “emergency”. “Non emergency” indicates normal driving, with no red-lights or siren in use. “Emergency” is the normal emergency response, utilizing red-lights and siren. There will be no “code two” runs made with only red-lights and no siren.
8.	Only Chief Officers or those assigned to act in such a capacity, are to respond to the scene of an emergency in their personal vehicles. All others are to respond to the firehouse.
9.	The use of seat belts are required on all emergency responses to the firehouse by all members.
10.	If involved in an accident, leave all emergency equipment on including the electronic siren (manual siren’s exempt) for a few minutes to insure that the equipment is seen and heard. After the few minutes have lapsed turn off the siren leave all other emergency equipment on. DO NOT MOVE THE VEHICLE(S) until the police have arrived.
11.	If a member has been involved in any accident(s) while responding to a dispatched run, the member shall contact a Chief Officer for an investigation. Whether the member is responding in an emergency mode or not. (All accidents will be investigated)!