



CHARLOTTESVILLE - ALBEMARLE RESCUE SQUAD



STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

TOPIC: Driver Training - Ambulances	S.O.P. # 5.2
Approved by: Lair D. Haugh, Chief	Revised: 2/9/2003 Approved:

I. PURPOSE

- a. To establish a standard policy for training members to drive and operate ambulances.

II. DRIVER TRAINING

- a. Probationary Member.
 - i. Probationary members may begin to familiarize themselves with the operation of ambulances by operating the ambulance on errands and return trips from hospitals, etc., when no patient is being transported and when under the direct supervision of, and accompanied by, a released driver.
- b. Full Member
 - i. Must provide documentation of completion of a course approved as an EVOC course by the Office of EMS.
 - ii. Must have the approval of their crew captain and the fleet operations officer (or designee) in writing before beginning to drive under emergency conditions.
 - iii. Must be oriented to, and become familiar with lighting displays, siren operations, gauges and vehicle maintenance, and emergency and non-emergency operation and transport of patients.
 1. An initial orientation by the Fleet Operations Officer (or designee) must be accomplished before driving.
 - iv. Must complete ten (10) runs under emergency conditions with an approved driving preceptor. An approved driving preceptor is a released driver who has been a driver for at least one year without any driving accidents.
 1. Upon documentation of ten (10) approved runs as set forth above, the trainee's crew captain may recommend the trainee's release as a driver to the Fleet Operations Officer. The Fleet Operations Officer will then make a recommendation for release to the Chief.
 - v. Upon release by the Chief, the member shall be considered a released driver.