

Egg Harbor Fire Department and First Responders Standard Operating Guidelines

SUBJECT: BACKING OF VEHICLES

SOG 402

PURPOSE: To ensure safe backing of emergency or non-emergency vehicles.

SCOPE: This policy shall apply to all department members driving fire apparatus.

ENFORCEMENT: The driver of any vehicle bears full responsibility for the safe backing of that vehicle.

1. When backing, an audible alarm should be sounding.
2. Whenever a vehicle is being backed, emergency lighting shall be operating.
3. A spotter shall assist in backing of any emergency vehicle, and shall be visible to the driver in a mirror (preferably the driver's side mirror).
4. If a spotter is not available, the driver shall make a complete walk around the vehicle to determine any possible obstructions.
5. Back-up cameras shall not take the place of a spotter.