

Egg Harbor Fire Department and First Responders Standard Operating Guidelines

SUBJECT: HOSE LOADING ON A MOVING VEHICLE

SOG 404

PURPOSE: The purpose of the subject is to comply with SPS 330 and provide for the safe loading of hose on a moving vehicle.

SCOPE: This policy shall apply to all members of the Egg Harbor Fire Department.

Hose loading operations on a moving vehicle may be performed only when the following conditions are met:

1. There shall be a member of the department, other than those members loading hose, assigned as a safety observer. The safety observer shall have an unobstructed view of the hose loading operation and be in visual and radio contact with the apparatus operator.
2. Non-fire department vehicular traffic shall be excluded from the area or shall be under the control of authorized traffic control persons.
3. The fire apparatus shall be driven only in a forward direction at the speed of 5 mph or less.
4. Members shall not stand on the tail step, side steps, running boards, or any other location on the apparatus while the vehicle is in motion.
5. Members may be in the hose bed, but shall not stand while the apparatus is in motion.
6. Before each hose loading operation, the situation shall be evaluated to ensure compliance with this S.O.G. If the S.O.G. cannot be met, or there is any question as to the safety of the operation for the specific situation, the hose shall not be loaded on a moving apparatus.