

Egg Harbor Fire Department and First Responders Standard Operating Guideline

Subject: All Terrain Vehicle Use

SOG 405

Purpose: This guideline was created to ensure firefighter safety while operating UTV/ ATVs.

Scope: This procedure applies to all members of the Egg Harbor Fire Department.

PROCEDURE:

A. Operation of UTV/ ATV

1. Do a pre-ride inspection on the vehicle (UTV/ATV) you plan to ride.
2. Check fuel before and after use.
3. Do not drive the UTV /ATV where there is a steep slope, vehicle is top heavy.
4. Do not allow passengers unless it is an emergency situation or the vehicle has passenger seats and seatbelts (ranger).
5. Start all UTV/ATVs with the brake on and in neutral.
6. Use low gear when operating the UTV/ ATV off road.
7. When possible, drive the UTV/ ATV with a full tank of water, or totally empty.
8. When loading UTV/ATV into trailer, no one is to be inside the trailer while loading or unloading the UTV/ATV
9. Drivers and passengers must keep their arms and legs within the confines of the UTV.

B. Protective equipment:

1. Issued gloves
2. Issued PPE during wildfire and prescribed fire
3. DOT approved riding helmet with chinstrap during project work, loading and unloading, training, and checks
4. Proper eye protection
5. Boots (not running shoes)