



**Warren Township  
Volunteer Fire Department**

# **Training Standards**

The Warren Township Fire Department maintains a fleet of fire response apparatus in order to provide firefighting and rescue services to the community. The department requires that the apparatus respond with well trained crews to provide adequate protection for the community. The purpose of this document is to set forth an overarching standard for how Apparatus and associated Staffing will prepare for and respond to calls for assistance.

## **Apparatus Training**

Fire Apparatus shall be classified based on the training level required to operate them. There are four classification levels for apparatus

1. General - vehicles classified as general apparatus require that the operator be oriented to general emergency response operations. This type of apparatus does not carry specialized rescue or firefighting equipment and exists primarily as a mode of transportation to and from fire service destinations
2. Command - vehicles classified as command apparatus carry specialized communications equipment and are involved in first due response to emergency calls. To operate a command designated vehicle, the operator must have the following certifications; Mid-Level Officer Qualified, CEVO and must be a certified vehicle operator for the department.
3. Engine - vehicles classified as Engine apparatus carry the standard equipment utilized by the fire department to suppress fires in the community (to include a pump, hose, water, etc). This type of apparatus is involved in first due response to emergency calls. To operate an engine designated vehicle, the operator must have the following certifications; Basic Firefighter, CEVO, pump operations and must be a certified vehicle operator - company.
4. Specialized - vehicles classified as Specialized apparatus carry Technical equipment utilized by the fire department to suppress fires in the community. This type of apparatus is involved in first due response to emergency calls. To operate an specialized designated vehicle, the operator must have the following certifications; Intermediate Firefighter, CEVO, pump operations, must be a certified vehicle operator - company and must have specialized certifications associated with the type of apparatus to be operated (Truck Ops, Rescue Ops., Tanker ops, etc).

Grandfathering - There will be a one time grandfathering process orchestrated by the Chief during the spring of 2016 to cover categories of training which have been handled internally up to this point. The candidates for grandfathering will be required to demonstrate advanced proficiency in one of the following categories as well as evidence of at least 3 years operation in the role for which they are requesting grandfathering (pump operations, tanker operations).

### **Apparatus operator training**

Orientation - Candidate can identify the location and competently operate every piece of equipment and every feature on the apparatus

Certified Vehicle Operator - Engine - Individual has met the company and department requirements to operate the engine assigned to their affiliated fire company

Certified Engine Operator - Department - Individual has met the department requirements to operate all engines in the fleet (must have company Engine operator first)

Certified Vehicle Operator - Truck - individual has met the company and department requirements to operate the Truck assigned to their affiliated fire company

Certified Vehicle Operator - Rescue - individual has met the company and department requirements to operate the Rescue assigned to their affiliated fire company

## Firefighter Training

The Warren Township Fire Department prides itself in having highly trained firefighters in order to provide the highest quality of fire protection and live saving services to the citizens of Warren. It should be objective of every firefighter to continuously invest in education and training to both maintain and expand their skillset. The department has established the following tiers of training classes;

### Firefighter Levels:

1. Exterior Members
  - a. No Formal Firefighter Certifications
    - i. Junior Members whom have not yet attended fire school
    - ii. Probationary Members whom have not yet attended fire school
  - b. Junior Firefighters who have completed fire school to the maximum permitted by law.
2. Basic Firefighter
  - a. Attended and completed Firefighter 1
  - b. Holds Incident Command System (ICS)-100 and NIMS IS-700 certifications
  - c. Holds a Hazmat Awareness certification
  - d. Attends annual SCBA re-certification
  - e. Attends annual Blood Borne Pathogens, Right to Know, HazCom training
3. Intermediate Firefighter
  - a. Meets all of the requirements of Basic Firefighter
  - b. Holds a Firefighter 2 State certification
  - c. Holds a current interior firefighter rating approved by the Department Fire Chief
4. Specializations - All Must meet requirements of Intermediate Firefighter
  - a. Truck Company Operator
    - i. Completed a Truck Company course held at a county academy or sponsored by the Warren Fire Department and taught by accredited county or state level instructor.
    - ii. Is qualified to operate all equipment carried by a department Truck specialized vehicle.
  - b. Rescue Company Operator
    - i. Completed at least two specialized rescue training courses by recognized sources of specialized training. Must be certified to at least one technician level certification
    - ii. Is qualified to operate all equipment carried by department rescue specialized vehicle(s).
  - c. Hazardous Materials Technician
    - i. Holds an active Hazardous Materials Technician certification
  - d. Emergency Medical Technician
    - i. Holds an active Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B) license
    - ii. Holds a valid CPR card
  - e. Fire Instructor
    - i. Holds a Fire Instructor Level I or II certification

5. Junior Officer Qualified
  - a. Must meet all of the requirements of Intermediate Firefighter
  - b. Holds ICS-200 & Incident Management Level 1 certifications
  - c. 3 years experience req. as a certified Firefighter
  - d. Holds Hazardous Materials Operations certification
6. Mid level Officer Qualified (Captain)
  - a. Must meet all of the requirements of Junior Officer
  - b. Holds ICS-300 & Incident Management Level 2 certifications
  - c. Hold IS800 certification
  - d. Holds a Fire Officer certification from New Jersey Division of Fire Safety (NJDFS)
7. Senior Officer Qualified (Chief or Assistant Chief)
  - a. Must meet all of the requirements of Mid level Officer
  - b. Holds ICS-400 & Incident Management Level 3 certifications

Non Firematic Membership:

1. Fire Police Probationary
  - a. Member of the Fire Police but do not yet hold certification
2. Fire Police Active
  - a. Member of Fire Police and hold NJ fire police certification

**Annual re-validation of Officers, Apparatus and Crews**

Once per year by the end of the first month of each calendar year, the board of fire chiefs will compile a report to the Fire Liaison and Township Committee. The report will outline the specific qualifications of the elected department officers (Chief, Asst Chiefs and Captains) and present documented evidence of such qualifications. The report will also outline that status of each apparatus in terms of run rate, mileage, reliability and expected service life. A detailed report outlining each company's ability to staff apparatus will be compiled, to include qualified member's training level, call attendance rate and assigned role. Companies operating specialized equipment must define which members represent crew for each apparatus staffed.

All members are also required to have the following annual training:

- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Hazmat Refresher
- Hazcom
- Mask Fit
- Live fire training
- Flammable liquids
- CPR

Current physicals: 18-29 every 3yrs, 30-44 every 2yrs, 45 & Older every year,

Company and apparatus reports must be signed by the company assistant chief

Department officer reports must be signed by the Department Chief

Department officers not meeting the mandatory requirements outlined by the NJ State and Warren Municipal governing bodies will be set in a pending state and may not function in their assigned role until such time as they come into compliance. All Department officers must also meet all of the requirements of an interior rated Firefighter.