

Purpose: This policy establishes the procedure for members of the Cumru Township Fire Department and Personal Owned Vehicles (POV).

Administration: The Fire Chief, Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief of Operations will have primary responsibility for administration of this policy.

Procedure: All personnel are expected to report to their closest station for response. However, it is understood that certain circumstances may dictate a deviation from this procedure. This section is to provide guidance in determining when such deviations may be justified.

Responding by personal vehicle is permitted for:

- All Chief Officers
- Emergency incidents that are in close proximity to your location of response.

NOTE: Personnel that are unable to secure a position on a responding apparatus are to stand-by at the station and provide manpower for additional apparatus and/or additional emergencies that the department may be assigned to.

When responding in personal vehicles, all personnel must adhere to the following:

- Personnel must be in possession of full turnout gear.
- Members are advised that personal vehicles are not authorized emergency vehicles.
- Members must obey all applicable rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Codes.
- Chief Officers using their personal vehicles for response shall follow CTFD Policy 8.4.
- Members are advised that personal vehicles used to respond to emergencies are not covered by the Township's insurance coverage.
- Members are also advised to consult with his/her insurance carrier to determine if coverage is appropriate for responding to the fire stations.
- Warning lights and/or sirens are to be used only by Chief Officers.

When positioning personal vehicles the following shall be considered:

- Do not block streets.
- Do not block access to water supplies such as hydrants, bridges, driveways.
- Do not impede access or egress for any emergency vehicles.
- Obey any and all orders from Police and Fire Police Officers.
- Personnel arriving in personal vehicles shall report to the Incident Commander for assignment. **Freelancing will not be permitted.**

References:
8.4 Operation of Fire Department Vehicles