

**EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE**

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**ARTICLE 8: MISCELLANEOUS**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: 04-15-2000**

**SECTION 2: VEHICLE USE / SAFETY**

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- 8.2.1           **PURPOSE:** To ensure safety while on or around fire apparatus.
- 8.2.2           SAFETY PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED:
- 8.2.3           Prior to all movements of fire apparatus (regardless of type) all personnel shall be in their positions with safety belts fastened. The driver shall not move the vehicle until this is accomplished.
- 8.2.4           Each fire personnel should occupy a predetermined place on the apparatus and ride in accordance with District policy and riding instructions.
- 8.2.5           The apparatus operator is responsible to ensure that all overhead doors are completely opened prior to moving the apparatus in or out of the station.
- 8.2.6           The apparatus operator is responsible to ensure that all compartment doors are closed prior to the movement of the apparatus.
- 8.2.7           The Captain assigned to the apparatus is responsible to ensure that the apparatus operator has secured all compartment doors.
- 8.2.8           The apparatus operator shall place a minimum of one clock block under the rear wheel of the apparatus anytime the apparatus is parked outside the engine bay and the operator vacates the driver's seat.
- 8.2.9           Each member of the Fire Company shall personally inspect that portion of the apparatus ridden to insure properly fastened compartment doors and equipment. Any irregularity should be reported to the driver right away.
- 8.2.10          When two personnel are on an emergency vehicle, no apparatus shall be backed for any purpose without the aid of a spotter. A spotter shall be visible to the driver to safely back the vehicle. This policy also applies to the Medic Units. Except when patient care precludes the use of a spotter.
- 8.2.11          All fire personnel shall practice caution and care while working around fire apparatus at incident scenes, especially when stepping from behind or between apparatus.