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**POCATELLO FIRE DEPARTMENT  
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

**Subject:** Driver Operator

**To:** All Personnel

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**POSITIONS PURPOSE:**

This position is accountable for contributing to the protection of life and property by performing normal firefighter duties along with the transportation of fire personnel, operating and maintaining complex fire and rescue equipment and emergency medical response.

**PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES:**

1. Possesses the knowledge and skills of at least a Level III Firefighter.
2. Assists in fire suppression through the operation of fire or rescue apparatus and equipment.
3. Ensures a thorough knowledge of up-to-date fire fighting techniques through self-study and on-the-job training. Must be certified in the Pocatello Fire Department Driver/Operator Certification Program.
4. Performs periodic and medium level maintenance on Fire Department apparatus, equipment, and stations as assigned.
5. Maintains necessary levels of stamina and endurance through the completion of prescribed physical fitness programs.
6. Assists in medical emergencies by rendering aid at the Basic Emergency Medical Technician level and completion of EMS reports.
7. Ensures that the fire prevention codes and regulations are adhered to by the public by performing inspections.
8. Provides direction to the other department personnel as it relates to the maintenance and use of fire department apparatus and equipment.
9. Contributes to the availability of required personnel be standing-by during periods of non-emergency activity.

10. Produce and present public education information dealing with fire, EMS, rescue, hazmat topics under a variety of circumstances as necessary.
11. Maintain necessary requirements, skills, and training to be certified as EMT with the State of Idaho.
12. Complete all training requirements to certify in the Pocatello Fire Department Step-up Captain Certification program.
13. Must maintain a valid State of Idaho Driver's license while on duty.
14. Must meet FAA Certification to work at the airport.
15. Performs related work as assigned by the Captain.

**NATURE AND SCOPE:**

The fire department Driver/Operator works under the general guidance of a Captain. This position can work independently with only general orders and department SOP's.

The primary function of this position is to provide basic life support to victims of accident or illness and to transport personnel to the scene of an emergency and then to provide support to the Incident Commander in the form of technical deployment and use of fire, rescue and medical equipment and subsequently to maintain and/or perform routine repairs of such equipment as needed.

Response challenges encountered by this position include rescues, patient assessment of emergency scenes, extinguishing fires and avoiding hazardous materials and the safe extrication of people from accident situations.

The conditions under which this position performs its basic function include all types of weather, occasional exposure to toxic atmosphere, lifting equipment, and/or victims in cramped or awkward positions, exposure to electrical shock, building collapse and other similar hazards.

**APPROVAL SIGNATURES:**

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Fire Chief

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Union Representative

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