


EMBERTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER
Number: 13-0001
Cross Reference: SOP Section 10 sub-section 10.1.1
Subject: Personal Response Update
Effective Date: Immediately
By Order of: Pemberton Township Fire Chief 

The below is an update to section 10 of the Pemberton Township Volunteer Fire Department Standard Operation Procedures. Please ensure that all personnel are aware and acknowledge this update.

SECTION 10. PERSONAL RESPONSE

10.1 RESPONSIBILITIES

10.1.1 Response to the station: While responding to the station, all laws and rules of the State of New Jersey and/or the Township of Pemberton or any municipalities through which a member travels shall be adhered to. **This shall include, but not be limited to, the requirement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:3-10 that all members (18 or older) shall possess a valid and current driver's license issued by the State of New Jersey or otherwise valid in the State of New Jersey.** The fire company/department will assume no responsibility for driving negligence on the part of a member responding to the station and will provide no monetary or legal assistance should such negligence result in a citation and/or accident. Any member who is cited for a traffic violation under these circumstances should be suspended from any or all activities. The chief or his designate should determine the duration of the suspension. **Any such member who is cited for a traffic violation and does not possess a valid driver's license in accordance with this section may be subject to termination.**

10.1.2 The motor vehicle and traffic laws of the State of New Jersey (Chapter 3, section 39.3-54) permits the use of blue warning lights by firemen responding to an alarm. Authorized use of blue lights is dependant upon possession of the proper permit. Application for blue light permits may be obtained through the fire chief or borough/township official. Chief Officers are permitted to display a red light with the proper permits issued by the Motor Vehicle Commission.

10.1.3 Upon the last out vehicle leaving the station, a member should be responsible for securing the bay doors. Under no circumstances should bay door controls be activated before the apparatus is entirely clear of the bay.