

## CDL Program

### 1003.1 PURPOSE

To define the Commercial Driver License (CDL) training program as an expectation of firefighters with North Tooele Fire District.

### 1003.2 POLICY

The requirements for firefighters to obtain a CDL are established to guide firefighters in their performance of duties. This program includes the following:

- 1) a more rigid training expectation than required by Utah State Law
  - 2) the ability to drive a Class A, manual transmission vehicle including tender operations
- Because firefighting vehicles are large, heavy vehicles with air brakes and shifting weight loads, the goal of a CDL program within NTFD is to create a safer firefighter/engineer and a safer environment on the public roadway.

### 1003.2 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Class A – Commercial Drivers Licensing (CDL-A) requirements are set by Part 380 of the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Regulations. At the time of enrollment, students must provide the following:

A current CDL Learner's Permit

A valid state drivers license at least one year old

A current Motor Vehicle Record (MVR)

A Department of Transportation (DOT) medical exam and drug test

A current background check

Be currently registered with the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration (FMCSA) Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

NTFD will assist the student in providing all these materials to the Technical College or Training Center. As a requirement for fulltime firefighters, costs will be absorbed by NTFD.

With an open enrollment environment, students will be expected to schedule their time with an instructor. NTFD will allow students to train during their regularly scheduled shifts and up to an additional 8 hours per week for a maximum of 24 hours per week.

With the expectation of 16 driving hours/week, students should graduate within 2-3 months.

### **1003.2 STUDENT PROGRAM**

In conjunction with CDL training, students will begin their Associate's degree program track. Many universities allow firefighter certification and training to be considered within their Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programs.

### **1003.3 REFERENCES**

Refer to the following Policies/Procedures for further details or explanations:

1. Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Training Program