

# **Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department**

## **Standard Operating Procedure**

### **All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)**

Implemented 5-27-2009

#### **Policy**

All members will utilize due regard when operating or towing the All Terrain Vehicle to any drill, incident, or function to prevent injuries and/or vehicle damage.

#### **Scope**

To ensure safe operation and towing of the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department All-Terrain Vehicle to positively assist members in managing a scene or event.

#### **Procedure**

##### **VEHICLE USAGE:**

- ATV deployment will be initiated by a line officer or senior firefighter.
- At no time will any operator risk damage to the vehicle by attempting to operate the vehicle outside of its ability on any terrain.
- Drivers will utilize due regard when operating on or off-road.
- Drivers will maintain an appropriate speed in relation to terrain conditions.
- All drivers will be at least 18 years of age.
- No passengers under the age of 16 are allowed to ride on the ATV.
- Seat belts **MUST** be worn when the vehicle is in motion.
- Parking Brake will be engaged before exiting the vehicle.
- Only a driver and 2 passengers are allowed on the vehicle while it is in motion.
- (a secured patient in the rear of the ATV with EMS monitoring is acceptable)
- Drivers in training will complete a vehicle orientation session and show competency operating the vehicle on and off road to a NVFD officer prior to incident operation.

##### **TOWING:**

- Brush 80 will be the primary tow vehicle unless otherwise directed by a line officer or senior firefighter.
- Trailer light connection, safety chain connection, and verifying vehicle is properly secured to the trailer will be preformed prior to towing. (2 strap connection)

##### **GENERAL:**

- Members involved in an accident or damage incurred to the vehicle will report the event to the Incident Commander or highest line officer as soon as possible.