

Alton Fire & Rescue Department

Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

SOG 1.3.5 Hose Loading – Moving Vehicles

PURPOSE: To insure the safe loading of hose lines on a moving vehicle.

SCOPE: All personnel loading hose lines.

- **SPECIFICS:**Hose loading operations shall be permitted to be performed on moving fire apparatus only when all of the following are complied with:
- All individuals involved in hose loading shall have been trained in these procedures.
- There shall be an individual, other than those individuals loading hose, assigned as a safety observer. The Safety observer shall have an unobstructed view of the hose loading operation and shall be in visual and voice contact with the apparatus operator.
- Non-fire department vehicular traffic shall be excluded from the area or shall be under the control of authorized traffic control person(s).
- The fire apparatus shall be driven only in a forward direction at a speed of 5 MPH or less.
- No members shall be allowed to stand on the side steps or running boards while the apparatus is in motion.
- Individuals shall be permitted to be in the hose bed, but NOT

standing while the apparatus is in motion.

- Prior to the beginning of each hose loading operation, the situation shall be evaluated to ensure compliance with all the provisions of this SOG. If this SOG can not be complied with, or if there is any questions as to the safety of the operation for the specific situation, then the hose shall not be loaded on moving fire apparatus.

Guidelines:

The minimum number of fire personnel to load hose on a moving piece of fire apparatus shall be 6 firefighters and a qualified driver/operator.

- The first procedure is to assign one person as the safety observer.
- Next, assign two firefighters as traffic control persons, with traffic vests, if local police are not available to assist.
- Position at least two firefighters in the hose bed to pack hose in a kneeling position.
- Position at least one firefighter to the rear of the apparatus, walking behind and helping feed the hose to the firefighters in the hose bed.
- The driver/operator, on command of the safety observer,

will drive the apparatus, in a forward direction, either straddle or along side of the hose to be loaded. The forward speed shall NOT exceed 5 MPH.

- The safety observer shall cause the loading procedure to cease immediately, should he/she observe any unsafe condition.

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