


East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District		
	<i>SOP 238 Use of Department Vehicles</i>	
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Administrative personnel who work a forty (40) hour work week and are required to be "on call," will be issued a Department vehicle for the sole purpose of responding to emergency incidents during off-duty hours from their place of residence.

Department vehicles are to be used for official business only. The use of Department vehicles for other than official business is prohibited without the knowledge and permission of the Fire Chief.

Non-Department employees are allowed to ride in Department vehicles with the knowledge and permission of the Fire Chief or their designee, provided the individuals have signed the "East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District Hold Harmless Agreement and Release for District Activities and Apparatus" form. The completed forms must be submitted to the District's Office Administrator.

If at any time a response will exceed fifteen (15) minutes, it will be his/her responsibility before responding in an "Emergency status," to make that determination and to inform the "On Scene Commander" of this fact. It will then be the "On Scene Commander's" responsibility to request a Mutual Aid assisted response or direct the person responding to continue in his/her "Emergency status" response.

Personnel responding Mutual Aid and/or by request of the "On Scene Commander," shall be held responsible for determining the need of running in an "Emergency status" response. He/she shall consider distance and time parameter requirements and constraints per individual incident. When determined necessary as an "Emergency status," personnel responding to this incident shall supersede the fifteen (15) minute requirement which permits responding in an "Emergency status" with lights and siren to enable safe arrival.

All vehicles when responding "emergency status" shall conform to Emergency Vehicles Operating Course (EVOC) standards as per state recommendations.