

Lake Jericho Volunteer Fire and Rescue
Standard Operating Guidelines

Subject: **Civilian Riders on Department Vehicles**

Effective Date: **January 1, 2010**

Authorized By: **Chief Guy Coombs**

I. Purpose

To properly manage civilian personnel riding on and responding with department emergency vehicles.

II. Policy

The only non-department people authorized to ride out on Department vehicles are those who have been previously authorized by the Chief.

III. Procedure

- A. Riders shall:
 - 1. Be briefed by the Chief or Ranking Officer as to their responsibilities and restrictions while on a Department vehicle.
 - 2. Read and sign a Department liability release form. If the rider is under 18 years of age, his /her parent or guardian must sign the release form.
- B. These passengers shall remain in the vehicle or in areas designated for other bystanders for the duration of the call.
- C. Under no circumstances shall the member carry on a Department vehicle any child, adult, or animal that requires “baby-sitting” by the member or someone else. Exceptions to this rule may be made for parades and other public service events, but only with the permission of the Ranking Officer or Chief.
- D. A member SHALL NOT respond in his/her P.O.V. that has a child, friend, or family member in their vehicle, unless authorized by the Chief, at that time these passengers shall remain in the P.O.V. or in areas designated for other bystanders for the duration of the call.