

Sanoca Rural Fire District, Inc.  
**Standard Operating Procedures**  
Emergency Operations

**Fire Company Operations**

**Subject: Driver Certification**

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of the procedure is to assure the training of the individual to specific pieces of apparatus within our department. Upon completion, candidate will receive a certificate denoting certified for that apparatus. During exigent circumstances, a Chief Officer reserves the right to allow any person they feel is competent enough to operate the apparatus, to operate same. Again, this is for emergency situations.

**Responsibility:**

It is the responsibility of every driver candidate to adhere to this policy. It is also the responsibility of every driver candidate to keep records of their hours of training of each apparatus by completing the Extra Duty Log, or by certificate presented to the Training Officer.

- **Squad 24:** Candidate must be off of Initial Probation.  
Candidate must complete 12 hours of hands-on training by a qualified Engineer.  
Candidate must have completion of a road test by a Chief Officer.  
Candidate must have following certifications, or equivalent in house training.:
  1. Water Supply
  2. Fire Behavior
  3. Hose Streams & Appliances
  4. Hat Mat AwarenessCertified Driver must obtain at least 4 hours of continuing education for Squad 24 annually.  
Members already certified prior to this SOP are considered “grand fathered”, but must obtain above certifications within 2 years of after the implementation of this SOP.
- **Support 25:** Candidate must be off Initial Probation.  
Candidate must complete 12 hours of hands-on training by a qualified Engineer.  
Candidate must have completion of a road test by a Chief Officer.  
Candidate must have following certifications, or equivalent in house training:

1. Personal Protective Equipment (SCBA)
2. Orientation & Safety
3. Portable Extinguishers

Certified Driver must obtain at least 4 hours of continuing education for Support 25 annually.

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**Tanker 22:** Candidate must be off initial probation.

Candidate must complete 24 hours of hands-on training by a qualified Engineer.

Candidate must have completion of a road test by a Chief Officer.

Candidate must have the following certifications, or equivalent in house training:

1. Ladders
2. Incident Command
3. Forcible Entry

Certified Driver must obtain at least 6 hours of continuing education for Tanker 22 annually.

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**Engine 21:** Candidate must be off initial probation.

Candidate must complete 36 hours of hands-on training by a qualified Engineer.

Candidate must have completion of a road test by a Chief Officer.

Candidate must have the following certifications, or equivalent in house training:

1. NFPA 1403
2. Basic Pumps or Hydraulics
3. Emergency Vehicle Driver or 2 in house competency course drills comparable to VFIS course.

Candidate must obtain at least 6 hours of continuing education for Engine 21 annually.

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