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Emergency Response Vehicle Operations Policy

Overview

In order for the Ocean Beach Lifeguards to provide the best service to the patrons the use of an Emergency Response Vehicle for emergency operations will be granted. This vehicle will be able to provide increase response time and reduce the risk of injury carrying equipment across long distance. In order for an Ocean Beach Lifeguard to use this vehicle they will have to meet the requirement stated below.

Requirements

1. All Operators must be at least 18 years of age, possess a valid NYS Driver's License and a valid, current Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC) certification.
2. Records for all EVOC certified employees and copies of their driver's license must be on file in the Village Office, as well as at the Lifeguard Shack.
3. Vehicle will only be used for Emergency response, mutual aid with OBFD or OBPD.
4. Driving of vehicle must stay within Village limits, unless otherwise necessary and dispatched to.
5. A working radio must be in the vehicle at all times when in operation and a radio check must be acknowledged before operation.
6. Driver must abide by Federal, State, Suffolk County, Town of Islip and Village of Ocean Beach laws, rules, regulations and ordinances.
7. Driver must always be safe and cautious in any situation, acknowledging surroundings and being considerate of patrons.
8. Lights and Sirens must be used when responding to emergencies.
9. A list of all qualified drivers will be posted in the Lifeguard Headquarters as well as in the Village Office.
10. Drivers must give notice to Chief lifeguard, Supervising Lifeguard, or Captain when responding to emergencies and any other authorized use prior to operating the vehicle. Communication is key.
11. Driving privileges are at the discretion of Ocean Beach Village Officials and the Chief Lifeguard; privileges may be rescinded at any time.

Accidents Involving Lifeguard Vehicle

1. If involved in an accident, all apparatus, should stop at the scene and the officer or driver should check for any injuries and assess any damage. The officer in charge of the incident will be notified.

2. The Chief of the department shall be notified immediately of the accident. The Chief will be given the condition of the people involved and the condition of the vehicle.
3. Drivers and all members involved in a motor vehicle accident on department apparatus, will make a written statement to the Chief, detailing the events of the accident and the extent of any injuries. A copy of all statements will be forwarded to the Chief and Village Office. All accidents will be reviewed by the officers and Chief.

Code of Conduct

Every Ocean Beach Lifeguard is expected to follow a code of conduct that has a positive reflection of the Village of Ocean Beach. A driver of this vehicle will conduct him/herself in a manner that will adhere to this expectation. Examples of what is expected is provided below. There will be situations that will not be detailed in this policy, if this should occur it is expected that the Lifeguard conduct him/herself in the manner as stated before. Here a few examples of what is to be expected when a Lifeguard is operating the vehicle:

1. To drive safely at all times.
2. If not in an emergency situation, to give all beach patrons the right of way and to wait for a clear path to proceed.
3. If an emergency situation is present, to proceed to the scene in the safest but most efficient path as possible.
4. All gear must be put on the vehicle in a manner where it will not fall off or will not cause damage to the vehicle or the gear.
5. When transporting personnel, all personnel will find a secure spot and will remain in that position until the vehicle is either stopped or has reached the destination.
6. The driver will give emergency vehicles all right away when not in an emergency situation.
7. If at any time the Driver will need any help or need to relay messages, the driver will use the radio provided.
8. When vehicle is stopped, it will be parked in a place that will not block walkways or the vehicle path on the beach.
9. The vehicle will not be parked on or near a beach patron's personal belongings.
10. A beach patron is not authorized to drive the vehicle.
11. Any behavior that is to reflect the Ocean Beach Lifeguards or Village in a negative or inconsiderate way is strictly prohibited.