

**King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company
Standard Operating Guidelines**

**KP0005 -- Driving to Fires In Private Vehicles
Original 1/92 Revised 1/01**

Purpose: To establish guidelines governing the response to fires in private vehicles and integrate the Upper Merion Township approved policy into the King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company Standard Operating Guidelines.

No Firefighter is permitted to respond directly to a fire emergency scene in his/her private vehicle unless:

- A. The scene is in a direct path between the origin of the response and the Fire Station
- B. There is a report of entrapment or other extenuating circumstance and the scene is within a reasonable variance from the path of normal response.

All Firefighters are expected to respond to the Allendale Road Station or the Beidler Road Station, don their running gear and ride the apparatus to the fire scene.

Officers may respond directly to the fire scene in their personal vehicles. No Officer should pass either station in his/her private vehicles. If a Fire Station must be passed, the Officer should come into the station and ride the apparatus unless

- A. The first out unit is 10-8
- B. He/she is the highest ranking responding Officer

When responding to fires outside First Due Zone, all Officers except the Fire Chief should respond to a Station and ride the apparatus.

Lieutenants are to respond to a Fire Station unless they must pass the general area of the fire scene.

When responding to fires all personnel should

- A. Obey all traffic laws
(Blue lights/red lights do not give anyone the authority to speed or "blow" red lights or stop signs)
- B. Show reasonable courtesy to civilian motorists. Do not blow horn or flash lights.
- C. Never pass police cars, ambulances, or other fire apparatus.
- D. All school zone restrictions and school bus restrictions apply. Violation of school zone/bus restrictions shall result in immediate suspension from the Fire Company.