

Springdale Fire Department

Policy & Procedures Manual

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Section 104 – Apparatus and Vehicles

104.4 – Vehicle Accident Prevention

All personnel are responsible to reduce or eliminate potential vehicle accidents and collisions.

Personnel assigned to all response vehicles will perform a 360 degree (walk around) check of the vehicle prior to the vehicle being moved to ensure that all compartments are properly and safely closed and that there are no loose or unsecured items or equipment on the vehicle. This check is to be performed each time a response vehicle is moved, whether responding, transporting, or returning from a call, or to or from an “on the air” movement.

Drivers and officers of response vehicles that are equipped with “door or compartment open” warning systems will ensure that these systems function properly and that a door or compartment open status is not indicated during vehicle operation.

Drivers and officers are responsible to ensure that fire station doors are completely open before the vehicle proceeds into or out of all fire stations and facilities.

Headlights will be turned on all fire department vehicles when traveling.

Whenever two fire department personnel are in the cab of a response vehicle, the passenger is responsible for operating emergency warning devices and communicating on the radio unless the vehicle equipment is so designed that only the driver has control of such devices.