

HAMILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING GUIDE

PROCEDURE:	OPERATIONS	POLICY O-17
TITLE:	Personal Vehicle Operations	

PURPOSE: To provide a procedure for personnel to follow when operating their personally owned vehicles (POV) during an alarm.

PROCEDURE: During an alarm, all personnel with the exception of Fire Police and Chief Officers, shall proceed to the fire station during an alarm. Personnel who respond to the station in their POVs:

- May display a blue light as prescribed in NYS V&T Law. (see below)
- Will obey all vehicle and traffic laws including:
 - Obey posted speed limits
 - Wear seatbelt
 - Stop at all stop signs and red traffic lights

Blue light Authorization Card: Personnel should possess a written authorization card issued by the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief, or designee may revoke the authorization card and privilege to display a blue light at any time.

If personnel are operating their POV responding to or returning from an alarm, or any other department function such as training or fundraising, and are involved in a crash which causes property damage or injury, the Fire Chief shall be notified immediately. (see P-2)

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