



## **Job Performance Review**

## **Apparatus Backing**

## **Individual Level Competency**

### **JPR Title**

Apparatus Backing

### **JPR Number**

JPR-DO-1CC

### **Reference**

IFSTA Aerial Apparatus Driver Operator Handbook  
IFSTA Pumping Apparatus Driver Operator Handbook  
ATFD Standards of Cover and Risk Analysis

### **Performance Criteria**

Despite advances in technology and apparatus safety features, backing a fire apparatus remains a dangerous task. Too often, we learn of backing accidents that occur on the fireground or station, leading to expensive property damage or, worse, firefighter injuries or deaths. Such accidents are preventable, but to succeed in preventing them, we need to consistently review backing operations with our crews.

Operator is able to safely back the apparatus in a confident manner with the use of a spotter. In a controlled and or staged area, the operator will back the apparatus with the following factors in mind:

- ✓ Slow backing process
- ✓ Focuses on the task at hand
- ✓ Lights the area if applicable
- ✓ Deploys spotters – note that spotters may not be feasible when operating in high traffic areas for safety concerns
- ✓ Ensures spotters are visible to the operator
- ✓ Operator has window down to monitor surroundings
- ✓ Utilizes warning lights and mirrors
- ✓ Is aware of the apparatus height and overhead obstructions such as wires or trees, etc.

### **Time Parameters**

Safe and efficient manner

### **Safety Precautions**

Safe operations and control of all equipment

**Procedure**

Driver Operator of the apparatus self-dispatches from a staged area to the predetermined backing evolution or course. With the use of a spotter, the apparatus is operated in a slow and safe manner with the operator in full control at all times

**Firehouse Software Evaluator Notes**

Link to “General Driver Training”

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