



## Job Performance Review

Distracted  
Driving

Individual  
Level  
Competency

### JPR Title

Distracted Driving

### JPR Number

JPR-DO-4

### Reference

IFSTA Aerial Apparatus Driver Operator Handbook

IFSTA Pumping Apparatus Driver Operator Handbook

NFPA 1002, Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications

### Performance Criteria

Despite advances in technology and apparatus safety features, operating a fire apparatus remains a dangerous task. Too often, we learn of apparatus accidents that occur while responding to or returning from incidents, 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 safe driving practices.

As an operator of an emergency vehicle, you will observe the general public do very non-standard actions upon the approach of an emergency vehicle. The basic premise of the public pulling a vehicle off to the right side of the road and stopping may not be the action of the driver, even though they may believe their intent is best for the circumstances. You must always anticipate this and be prepared to avoid any issues. Although your emotions as an operator may be impacted by the general public, it is unacceptable to display any gestures or signs of "road rage" while operating the apparatus.

The apparatus operator must remain in control of the apparatus at all times. As such, it is unacceptable for the operator to utilize a cell phone while driving the apparatus. There are plenty of distractions that are present while in an apparatus. This includes radio traffic, verbal communication with the apparatus officer, audible devices and warning lights.

### Time Parameters

N/A

### Safety Precautions

Safe operations and control of all equipment

**Procedure**

The apparatus operator demonstrates a calm demeanor while operating the apparatus.

The apparatus operator articulates an awareness of distracted driving principles.

**Firehouse Software Evaluator Notes**

Link to “General Driver Training”

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