



# ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

OG - 700-104

## Guideline for Vehicles Used in Training

### 1.0 PURPOSE

This guideline shall serve as an overview for utilizing vehicles in training at the Abington Township Fire Training Facility.

### 2.0 RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility to ensure that the above actions are taken in an appropriate manner is defined as indicated below:

**2.1** Company Members (CM)

**2.2** Company Officers (CO)

### 3.0 PROCEDURE

**3.1** Vehicles used in training for either vehicle fires or extrication practices are to be drained of all fluids and hazardous products prior to their arrival for use in training. This includes items such as gasoline, oils, coolants, etc.

**3.2** Vehicles used for this purpose are obtained from a "salvage yard" business in which we have had a relationship for many years. A local towing service is used for transporting the vehicles back and forth between the training facility and the salvage yard. Once the vehicles are utilized and salvageable parts are removed from the vehicle, the remains of the vehicle are scrapped for the value of the steel.

**3.2.1** Should you be aware of a vehicle to be donated for use in training, you should contact the ATFD Fire Training Coordinator to arrange for pick up by the towing company. The towing company will transport the vehicle to the salvage yard where the vehicle will be drained of hazardous products and later returned to the facility for use.

**3.3** This activity comes with a cost so the use of vehicles should be carefully managed.

**3.4** When vehicles are used in training extrication practices, any sections or parts of the vehicle removed during this training are to be returned to the vehicle after the training concludes for appropriate removal of the vehicle.

**3.4.1** For example, if a door is fully removed from a vehicle during the training, once the training concludes the door is to be placed back in the vehicle, such as within the passenger compartment, and not left on the ground in the area of the vehicle.

**3.5** Excelsior is the only product to be placed in a vehicle when fire suppression training activities are taking place and ignited with a flare.

**3.5.1** Should there be activity within the stadium of the high school, suppression training should not take place.

**3.6** It will be the goal of keeping 4-5 fresh vehicles at the training center at any given time. When a company has a specific training session planned requiring vehicles, they are to be marked accordingly. This marking will essentially "reserve" the vehicle for that company. However, it needs

to be understood that obtaining these vehicles is becoming more and more challenging as the demand for recycling has increased. Vehicles placed at our facility are not making money for the salvage yards.

#### **4.0 RECORDS**

##### **4.1 Activity Usage Form**

Located on the desk within the Accessory Building is an Activity Usage Form. This form is to be completed each time an acquired vehicle is used for training.