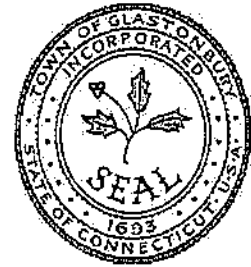




**GLASTONBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**



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SUBJECT: ANTI-IDLING GUIDELINE

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Section I – Introduction

A. Objective

To reduce department operation expenses, lower emissions produced by department vehicles and improve the quality of life for members and citizens by protecting the natural environment.

B. Applicability

For all Department apparatus and support vehicles

C. References

Town of Manchester Fire-Rescue-EMS – General Operating Guideline

Section II – Guideline

No fire department apparatus, vehicle or piece of equipment shall be left idling when a better decision would be to shut down the engine.

CAVEAT

This guideline is not intended to compromise operational readiness and the scope of this guideline shall not infringe on the ability of an Officer to modify the requirements of this guideline when justified by circumstances.

**FIRE APPARATUS COMPLIANCE TO ANTI-IDLING POLICY**

Fire apparatus shall not be left at idle under the following conditions:

- Parked indoors
  - Parked outdoors for longer than three (3) minutes
  - When staged out of the way during long duration, low-risk incidents
  - During fueling operation
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FIRE APPARATUS EXEMPTIONS FROM ANTI-IDLING GUIDELINE

Fire apparatus must run under the following conditions:

- Apparatus actively involved in operations or in operational readiness mode where visual warning lights and accessories are required for apparatus location
- Pumping operation is in progress
- Generator operation is in progress
- Any operation when the ambient temperature is at or below freezing
- When adequate interior vehicle temperature is required for contents sensitive to extreme heat and cold
- Any time apparatus is providing heating or cooling for personnel or civilians during an incident and not for the convenience of the operator
- During service or repair where the engine must be running

STAFF VEHICLES

Staff vehicles shall not be left at idle under the following circumstances

- Parked indoors or outdoors (for any duration)
- "Standing" for any duration
- When vehicle is at incident but off travel portion of street and serves no operational purpose
- During fueling operation

Staff vehicles must be run under the following circumstances

- When involved in operations where visual warning lights and accessories are required for vehicle location
- Any time vehicle is providing heating or cooling for personnel or civilians during an incident and not for the convenience of the apparatus operator
- During service or repair where the engine must be running
- When vehicle radio(s) are on for the purpose of monitoring radio traffic the engine can be run for five minutes every thirty minutes to maintain a charge in the battery
- When vehicle needs to defrost its windshield in order to drive safely

Section III- Approval

Fire Chief

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Date of Approval:

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