



General Order Number 39

January 18, 2013

To Officers and Members

Johnson Creek Fire & EMS Department

Effective January 18, 2013

Fire Pump Cold Weather Operations

Due to cold weather and the effects on pumping apparatus and the freezing of water and damage to vehicles and equipment our department will adhere to these guidelines;

1. At 20 degrees Fahrenheit and below do not wash department vehicles.
2. At 20 degrees Fahrenheit and below do not conduct vehicle maintenance checks outside.
3. At 20 degrees Fahrenheit and below all vehicles with pumps and water tanks will be restricted to emergency travel only.
4. All pumps will be carried wet all year. The only exception is Brush 24's pump and tank, and only Tender 26's pump will be drained for winter operations.
5. At 32 degrees Fahrenheit and below all fire pumps need to be engaged and water circulated whenever the vehicle is parked and not actively pumping. Set engine tachometer between 900 and 1,000 rpm's.
6. Lightly apply anti-freeze solution to all intake and discharge port covers and threads. Engines and Tenders will have a small spray bottle of environmentally safe mixed anti-freeze available for this task.

This order will take effect and be in force on and after 0700 hours on the date indicated.

David F. Peterson

Fire Chief