



## **General Order Number 7**

May 7, 2012

To Officers and Members

Johnson Creek Fire & EMS Department

### **Effective May 7, 2012**

Anytime a fire or EMS vehicle is backed up, or in reverse gear, a spotting person will be employed to watch for obstructions and assist the driver of the apparatus in safely backing the vehicle. This order applies to all drivers who operate fire engines, fire tenders, medic units and ambulances, and the grass fire truck.

#### **Backing into Quarters**

The procedure will be to pull the vehicle onto the apron of the station, allow the spotting person to exit the vehicle, activate red lights and enter traffic when safe, and then back the vehicle into the station under the supervision of the spotter person. The spotter person will also have a radio and monitor channel 1. They shall radio the driver if there is a reason to notify them.

#### **Backing in Traffic**

The procedure will be similar to the above and that spotter personnel will exit the vehicle in a safe area before backing operations begin. A policy and procedure is forthcoming and will be presented at a training session.

This order does not apply to passenger vehicles such as the department car, the pick-up truck, or the future Tahoe truck. As always, due diligence and caution applies anytime emergency vehicles are being driven.

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

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Fire Chief