

**McCLOUD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
**Policy and Procedure Manual**

**POLICY TITLE:** Fire Vehicle Operations  
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**7030.10 Authorization** to operate vehicles is obtained from the appropriate Captain for each vehicle/class of vehicle. In the event that the Captain is unable to grant authorization, the Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief may grant authorization to members.

**7030.20 Responding to Calls**

**7030.201** No member shall, when responding in a personal vehicle, at any time exceed the posted speed limit nor disregard any traffic law while responding to an emergency call in their personal vehicle. This includes responding to the fire hall as well as addresses within the McCloud Community Services District (MCSD) boundaries.

**7030.202** No member shall, at any time, respond to a call outside the boundaries of the MCSD in their personal vehicle (i.e. traffic collisions on Highway 89) unless they are first at scene initially reporting the incident or specifically requested to do so by the Incident Commander or a law enforcement officer.

**7030.203** No member shall, at any time, exceed the posted speed limit nor disregard any stop sign within the boundaries of the MCSD or any local residential area while operating a department vehicle "Code 3" (emergency lights and sirens).

**NOTE:** The maximum speed limit for department ambulance operating "Code 3" outside the MCSD boundaries on state or federal highways is 15 (fifteen) miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

**NOTE:** The maximum speed limit for all other department vehicles operating "Code 3" outside the MCSD boundaries on state or federal highways is 10 (ten) miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

### **7030.30 “Code 3” operations**

**7030.301** Code “3” operation of a vehicle is subject to the California Vehicle Code, and nothing contained herein shall supersede it.

**7030.302** All traffic laws and regulations shall apply in instances where “Code 3” operation is not required or applicable to the situation.

**7030.303** The use of “Code 3” operation shall be limited to bona fide emergency call response and transport of critical patients (life threatening injuries/illness) in the ambulance to the hospital.

**7030.40 Fire Department Officers** have the authority to automatically reprimand as set forth in Policy 7090, Department Disciplinary Procedures for a first offense. Documentation shall be provided to the Fire Chief. For a second offense, the Fire Chief must be notified prior to the officer taking action. Only the Fire Chief may handle the third offense.

**7030.50 Personnel** must be appropriately licensed and authorized to operate vehicles. The requirements are as follows:

**7030.501** Squad 1740: Class C driver’s license, driver training, documented instruction and testing on use of equipment in vehicle (powered hydraulic tools, air bags, medical equipment, etc.)

**7030.502** Medic 17: Ambulance Driver’s Certificate, driver training, must either be an EMT-B, or obtain a waiver within the first year.

**7030.503** Engines 1712 and 1715: Either a Commercial Class B or Firefighter Class B license with tank and air brake endorsement, driver training, documented instruction and testing on pump operation and equipment use.