

Standard Operating Guideline	#16
Firefighter Responsibilities	Date Revised: December 2016

The goals of all firefighters are to be safe and effective. Thus, each firefighter:

1. Routinely participates in training and answers calls.
2. Maintains her or his health, physique, and mental acuity.
3. Does not unnecessarily endanger herself, himself, or others

In order to assure availability for participation in training and answering calls the Department complies with the membership requirements of *New York Not-For-Profit Corporation Law § 1402. "Fire corporations"* and *New York Village Law Article 10 "Fire Department"*.

For safety and effectiveness:

Do not respond to an activity when your physical or mental state is impaired.

Comply with each activity's accountability requirements.

Follow the guidance or instructions of the Department's officers.

If you go to an incident on an apparatus, you are to remain as the crew of that apparatus unless otherwise directed by an officer. The engine is not a taxi cab providing a ride to the fire— it is a transportation system dependent on all occupants to perform a coordinated job.

Remain as a team. Do everything as a group and DO NOT leave the team unless directed by an officer in your chain of command.

Green tag firefighters should select a hand tool when exiting the engine and follow the lead of the incident's officers.

Firefighters will take training courses to do their jobs safer and smarter.

Firefighters will help the officers be aware of the location of all firefighters and officers.

Firefighters will be free to make immediate comments to the Captain or Lieutenant about a safety issue.

If you go POV, then report to IC or staging and stay with it, until assigned by an officer.