

Standard Operating Procedure

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)

Policy

All members will utilize due regard when operating or towing the All Terrain Vehicle to any drill, incident, or function to prevent injuries and/or vehicle damage.

Scope

To ensure safe operation and towing of the Hianloland Fire Company All-Terrain Vehicle to positively assist members in managing a scene or event.

Procedure

VEHICLE USAGE:

- ATV deployment will be initiated by a line officer or senior firefighter.
- At no time will any operator risk damage to the vehicle by attempting to operate the vehicle outside of its ability on any terrain.
- Drivers will utilize due regard when operating on or off-road.
- Drivers will maintain an appropriate speed in relation to terrain conditions.
- All drivers will be at least 18 years of age.
- No passengers under the age of 14 are allowed to ride on the ATV, except in medical evacs.
- Seat belts and helmets MUST be worn when the vehicle is in motion.
- Parking Brake will be engaged before exiting the vehicle.
- Only a driver and 4 passengers are allowed on the vehicle while it is in motion.
(a secured patient in the rear of the ATV with EMS monitoring is acceptable)
- All fluids, lights, tires and general connections shall be inspected by operator and maintained at proper levels or, if in the case of mechanical failures, reported to a line officer and engineer for repair. This shall be done before and after operation.
- Drivers in training will complete a vehicle orientation session and show competency operating the vehicle on and off road, loading and unloading onto trailer and towing said trailer to an event to a chief designated officer prior to incident operation.

TOWING:

- Utility 17, Brush 17 or Rescue 3 shall be the primary tow vehicles unless otherwise directed by a line officer or senior firefighter.
- Trailer light connection, safety chain connection, and verifying vehicle is properly secured to the trailer will be preformed prior to towing. (2 strap connection)

GENERAL:

- Members involved in an accident or damage incurred to or with the vehicle will report the event to the Incident Commander or highest line officer as soon as possible.
- Violation of this SOP will result in revocation of operating privileges until reinstated through a review by a board of Senior Line Officers