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ISSUE STATEMENT

To provide a set of guidelines and procedures to facilitate the operation of task force vehicle emergency lighting and audible devices, to provide guidance in driver training and in driver rotations during Task Force deployments. This directive will not supplant the authority or ability of the Task Force Advisory Group or deploying Task Force Leaders to modify these operations if the need should arise.

REQUIRED ACTIONS

- **Task Force vehicle emergency warning devices:** Task Force personnel shall operate the emergency warning devices, both lights and siren, for moving through traffic or scene safety, only at the discretion of the Task Force Leaders, Local, State, or Federal Police request.
- **Task Force Driver Training Requirements and Expectations:** All task force drivers must meet the general requirements of a task force member per the FEMA Position Description. In addition to these requirements VA-TF2 has set driver expectations to ensure our drivers stay up to date with our task force vehicles. These expectations must be completed each calendar year. These expectations are divided into four groups; Group 1-personnel who wish to join the task force as a driver, Group 2-current task force drivers, Group 3-task force personnel that are in a subgroup but can/want to fill in as a driver if needed, and Group 4-current task force drivers that drive both the task force cache and the IST cache.

Group 1

Any individual that wishes to join VA-TF2 as a task force driver must meet the following minimum requirements.

1. FEMA PD requirements for General Task Force member.
2. Have a minimum of a class B CDL license and be willing to obtain a class A CDL within 1 year of being on the task force.
3. Maintain a current CDL medical card.

Group 2

Current personnel listed on the roster as a driver must meet the following minimum requirements.

1. Maintain all PD requirements for General Task Force member.
2. Maintain a class A CDL license.
3. Maintain a current CDL medical card.



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4. Participate in annual cone course training.
5. Drive at least 100 miles in a task force vehicle road tractor with trailer each calendar year. (not including deployments)
6. Perform task force vehicle maintenance at least once each quarter. (to be coordinated through the task force vehicle maintenance representative)
7. Practice docking the tractor trailers to the warehouse doors either during driving time or when performing maintenance.
8. Maintain forklift certification.

Group 3

Members of the task force that have been selected to fill in as needed as a driver must meet the following minimum requirements.

1. Maintain minimum PD requirements for a General Task Force member.
2. Maintain a class A or B CDL license. (may only drive a vehicle that falls under licensing level)
3. Maintain a current CDL medical card.
4. Participate in annual cone course training.
5. Drive at least 50 miles per calendar year in a task force vehicle that meets their respective licensing level.(not including deployments)

Group 4

Current personnel listed on the roster as a driver for both the task force cache and the IST cache must meet the following minimum requirements.

1. Maintain all PD requirements for General Task Force member.
2. Maintain a class A CDL license.
3. Maintain a current CDL medical card.
4. Participate in annual cone course training.
5. Drive at least 50 miles in a task force vehicle road tractor with trailer each calendar year. (excluding deployments)
6. Drive at least 50 miles in an IST tractor with trailer each calendar year. (excluding deployments)
7. Perform task force vehicle maintenance at least once each quarter. (to be coordinated through the task force vehicle maintenance representative)
8. Practice docking the tractor trailers to the warehouse doors either during driving time or when performing maintenance.
9. Maintain forklift certification.
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- **Task Force Driver Rotations during deployment:** It is recommended for Task Force drivers to drive no more than (3) three hours at a time, and must change at 4 hours. If a stop occurs after 2 hours all drivers may switch. Other team members may be utilized to assist with riding assignments' on the longer trips. This will facilitate proper driver rest periods in either a bus or a tractor trailer sleeper.