

Operating Guideline # 211

Riding on the Exterior Fire Apparatus

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Operating Guideline (OG) is to provide direction on hose re-loading practices which may require personnel to ride on the exterior of apparatus.

**GUIDELINE:**

1. As a general guideline, no personnel shall be permitted to ride on the exterior of apparatus while it is in motion.
2. If there is no alternative for hose re-loading activities, personnel may ride on the exterior of an apparatus provided:
  - a. adequate measures are taken to ensure personnel will not accidentally fall off the vehicle;
  - b. helmets are worn by all personnel involved in the hose re-loading process;
  - c. a backer providing direction who is in clear and continuous sight of the driver is placed a safe distance behind the vehicle being reversed;
  - d. The apparatus is being operated at a very slow speed (less than 5 km/hr).
3. Riding of the apparatus exterior under the above guidelines shall be under the direction of, and only with the permission of, the officer in charge.

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

It is the responsibility of all Emergency Operations Division staff to comply with the provisions of this Operating Guideline.

**REFERENCES:**

- Section 21 Committee Guidance Note GN-1-01, Fire Truck Occupant Safety
- Section 21 Committee Guidance Note GN-1-03, Backing Fire Apparatus
- MLFD OG 101 - Use of Seatbelts
- MLFD OG 409 - Backing Apparatus