

Operating Guideline # 309

Vehicle Inspections

September 30, 2019



PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Operating Guideline (OG) is to establish guidelines to ensure that vehicles are inspected and repaired in accordance with Ministry of Transportation regulations and other applicable standards.

ISSUE/RATIONALE:

It is recommended as a good health and safety practice that fire apparatus inspections be conducted on all fire apparatus. This will ensure that the apparatus is safe and will not jeopardize the safety of other road users or the occupants of the apparatus.

GUIDELINE:

General

1. Staff members who are qualified as EVOII's are permitted to operate large apparatus such as pumpers and tankers, but shall do so only when such vehicles have successfully passed the annual MTO safety inspection process. The vehicle must display a valid yellow sticker indicating that it has passed the requisite safety inspection within the preceding 12 months.

NOTE: see also OG 404 regarding the driver's responsibilities for Pre and Post Vehicle Inspections.

2. A copy of the current inspection shall also be kept in each vehicle, and the Deputy Chief will ensure that a valid inspection sticker is present on all apparatus that exceeds a gross weight of 4500 kilograms.

3. The Deputy Fire Chief shall arrange for the required annual inspections and testing.

4. All vehicles which require annual safety inspections under Ministry of Transportation regulations shall be inspected by qualified technicians and all records of these inspections to be kept/maintained by the Deputy Fire Chief and Township Mechanic for the life of the apparatus/vehicle.

5. Apparatus fire pump testing will be completed on an annual basis or as otherwise required and all records of such testing shall be kept/maintained by the Deputy Fire Chief for the life of the apparatus/vehicle.

6. The Deputy Fire Chief shall be responsible for arranging all repairs and maintenance procedures for all MLFD apparatus/vehicles.

RESPONSIBILITY:

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

REFERENCES:

- S. 21 Committee GN #1-2 Vehicle Inspections & Maintenance Program
- S. 21 Committee GN #3-1 Reducing Exposure to Diesel Exhaust
- Highway Traffic Act Section 100
- MLFD OG 308 – Limiting Exposure to Exhaust Fumes
- MLFD OG 404 - Pre and Post Trip Inspections
- O. Reg 611 Safety Inspections