



Sandy Springs Fire Rescue
Department Directive Form



Division/Area
All Divisions

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5/12/2014

Risk Scale
HF/LR

SUBJECT:

Unnecessary idling not only wastes energy and pollutes the atmosphere, it also poses a risk to people in the vicinity and to the environment.

DEFINITION:

The City of Sandy Springs is committed in it's efforts in reducing vehicle emissions. The purpose of this directive is to develop guidelines for the reduction of idling time of department vehicles. To minimize the exhaust emissions of department vehicles. To minimize the unnecessary use of fuel resources. To maintain operational readiness.

For use in this directive:

Vehicle: is defined as any Staff Car, Battalion/Rescue Unit, Fire Marshal Unit, Brush Truck, or Service/Extra Unit.

Apparatus: is defined as any Engine or Quint.

DIRECTIVE:

For the purpose of this directive. No vehicle or apparatus shall sit in an idle state unless:

Out of the station for any reason, and the charging or constant power of on-board equipment is necessary, or for the purpose of monitoring the mobile radio. In this situation the vehicle or apparatus shall run for five (5) minutes every half hour.

Vehicles and/or Apparatus are actively involved in an emergency incident. Vehicles that are not actively involved in an emergency incident, but are on the scene of the incident, shall be shut off.

Vehicles and Apparatus are at an operations where the ambient temperature is below freezing.

Vehicles and Apparatus are providing heating or cooling for personnel or civilians during an incident.

Vehicles or Apparatus require idling for the purpose of maintenance, training, or public demonstration.

The scope of this policy shall not infringe on the ability of an officer to modify the requirements when justified by the circumstances. When running the engine is in the best interests of public safety or the safety of firefighters, idling will be allowed.

Mark H. Duke 
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