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FIRE OFFICER TRAINING

NOTICE OF DISCUSSION WRITING EXERCISE



WRITING EXERCISE:

BACKING ACCIDENT PREVIEW

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You will have 30 minutes to produce a document that memorializes the Notice of Discussion that you will issue to Firefighter Brad Simmons for his backing accident. All of the information you will need to produce this document is in the following text.

Your document will be scored using the following dimensions:

- Proper departmental format
- Accuracy
- Content
- Grammar, spelling, punctuation

Your time begins now!

Incident date: March 6, 2016

Location: 9780 Winter Street

Actions:

Engine 3 Driver, Brad Simmons, struck a parked vehicle while attempting to back out of a parking. The accident occurred while using a firefighter as a back-up guide. Contributing factors were the lack of lighting, tight/narrow egress and adjacent parked vehicles.

Department rules and regulations violations:

A “Golden Circle” shall be completed to help identify any hazards that may be present prior to any attempt in moving SJFD apparatus.

SJFD Drivers Handbook, Page 10, back-up guides are to be utilized on all suppression apparatus while backing.

SJFD Drivers Handbook, Page 18, Tip #5, backing maneuvers account for a large proportion of emergency vehicle accidents. While relatively minor, such accidents can have wide ranging consequences: puts the vehicle out of service, costs money for repairs, causes paperwork, creates a bad public image, increases insurance rates and jeopardizes employment.

SJFD Drivers Handbook: The use of a back-up guide does not relieve the driver of responsibility in the event of an accident. A good rule to follow is “When in doubt, STOP!”