

	TRAVIS COUNTY ESD #5 MANCHACA FIRE RESCUE Department Directive	D2017-007
		Effective: 7/24/2017
		Rescinds: NA
	Driver / Operator Qualification Process	From: BC Poole

The responsibility of safely operating an emergency vehicle requires that driver/operators be trained in both the general concepts of apparatus operations as well as training specific to the apparatus they are expected to operate. The training programs that allow firefighters to certify as DOs through TCFP provides the general concepts and basic skills of being a Driver/Operator. Additional training is required on MFR apparatus to ensure that DO certified members have the specific skill sets to operate our apparatus and to work within our standards and best practices.

Effective immediately, personnel that achieve certification as DO-Pumper through TCFP will have to complete the MFR task book for each type of apparatus used by the department before being considered qualified to operate that apparatus. Details, reference materials, and the Position Task Books can be found on the department member’s only web site in the Training area, under the Driver/Operator section. [<https://members.mvfd.org/training-driver>] Currently there is a task book for engine operations posted on the site. Soon we will be adding task books for Tender and Brush Truck Operations.

Members that are currently performing driver/operator duties will continue to be considered qualified operators of the apparatus they currently operate. Any member wishing to operate additional apparatus types will need to complete the appropriate task book for that apparatus type (i.e. an engine-cleared DO that wants to be qualified to drive tenders). Additionally, all currently qualified drivers of any rank or position (FF – Lieutenant and full-time, part-time, or volunteer) will need to complete a task book for the apparatus they are currently cleared to operate. These task books should be completed by 12/31/2017 and forwarded through the chain of command as instructed on the web page. Each completed task book will be counted as 4 hours of CE credit (except the brush truck PTB – it will be worth 2 hours of CE).

In order to maintain skills, periodic skill refreshers will be scheduled starting in 2018. All qualified drivers (especially those members that do not regularly operate the apparatus) will need to complete periodic refresher training to maintain their driver qualification.

Please direct any questions through your chain of command.