

PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER
Number: 13-0005
Cross Reference: SOP's 3.2 VEHICLES OPERATIONS sub-section 3.2.11
Subject: Provisional Drivers
Effective Date: April 1, 2013
By Order of: Pemberton Township Fire <i>Chief</i> Craig L. Augustoni

Provisional Drivers: 3.2.11

Once a Driver Candidate has completed all requirements as described in the Department Driver Candidate Training Outline, a Driver Candidate will be authorized as a Provisional Driver by the Department Training Officer for a period of six (6) months and will be evaluated both at the midpoint period, three (3) month mark, and at the ending period, six (6) month mark.

At the midpoint (3 month) evaluation, the evaluator will submit a written evaluation to the Department Training Officer recommending that the Provisional Driver is successful and can continue the Provisional Period, or the Provisional Driver is to be relieved for further training, or the Provisional Driver is to be relieved and shall re-take the entire training program or should not be considered as a Driver Operator for cause.

At the endpoint (6 month) evaluation, the evaluator will submit a written evaluation to the Department Training Officer recommending that the Provisional Driver is successful and can be promoted to the Driver Operator level, or the Provisional Driver is to be relieved for further training, or the Provisional Driver is to be relieved and shall re-take the entire training program or should not be considered as a Driver Operator for cause. Upon the successful completion of the Provisional Driver Period (6 month), and with proper evaluation documentation submitted to the Department Training Officer by the respective station commander, the Provisional Driver will then be promoted to Driver Operator by the Department Training Officer.

The level of Provisional Driver has been instituted to allow Driver Candidates the opportunity to drive and operate Department Apparatus prior to accomplishing the Pump Operators Training Course which is required by the Department Driver Candidate Training Outline but not always conveniently available. A Driver Candidate is afforded this level of Provisional Driver with the provision that they will complete the next Pump Operators Training Course as is most convenient for the Department. If the Provisional Driver does not meet this expectation then they shall be relieved of Driver status until the requirement is met.

The level of Provisional Driver has also been established to evaluate the Provisional Drivers ability to perform and apply what they have learned on emergency scene operations.

Provisional Drivers can be relieved of duty at any point during the evaluation period for cause and proper documentation shall be submitted to the Department Training Officer .