


**Lorain County Fire Chief's Association
Fire Safety Trailer Procedures**

Fire Safety Trailer (FST) Standard Operating Procedures	SOG: 017 Supersedes: SOG dated 09-24-98 Effective: Immediately Approved: September 25, 2008  President, Lorain County Fire Chief's Association Jeffery Young
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1. PURPOSE

To establish Standard Operating Guidelines for the proper use and responsibilities when being utilized by the members of the Lorain County Fire Chief's Association. The Fire Safety Trailer (FST) was designed and built to enhance our member's fire education programs.

2.0 Fire Departments Affected

2.1 All Lorain County Fire Departments and their personnel.

3.0 Responsibility

3.1 All officers and firefighters are responsible to comply with and ensure that personnel are adequately trained in use the FST, fully understand, and comply with this guideline.

3.3 It shall be the sole responsibility of the requesting agency to schedule, pickup, and return of the FST.

3.4 If the FST is damaged during transportation or while in use by the requesting agency it shall be the requesting agency responsibility to either pay for repairs or make all repairs.

3.5 All required annual maintenance and replacement of consumable supplies shall be the responsibility of LCFCA. Examples; the liquid for the smoke machine, and the propane for the heating system.

3.6 LCFCA shall be responsible for the cost and ensure there is adequate insurance on the FST.

3.7 LCFCA shall be responsible to assure that the current valid insurance card in the FST and posted.

4.0 Scheduling

4.1 The requesting agency shall contact Carlisle Fire Department (CFD) @ 440-458-5178 to assure the FST is available on the desired date and time. The FST is

available on a first come first serve basis. If the FST is available the on duty Carlisle Firefighter will log the date for the requesting agency on the proper form.

- 4.2 If the requesting agency decides to cancel the use of the FST they should contact CFD as soon as possible.

5.0 Weather

- 5.1 If the weather becomes threatening during the use of the FST the requesting agency shall suspend all activities until the weather conditions are safe.
(NO EXCEPTIONS)

6.0 Stabilization

(Before each use)

- 6.1 Before the FST is disconnected from the tow apparatus the wheels shall be properly chocked to prevent the FST from rolling forward or backward and injuring someone.
- 6.2 After disconnecting the FST from the tow apparatus assure the FST is level and the stabilizing jacks are properly deployed.

7.1 Tow Apparatus

- 7.1 The FST tow apparatus shall be capable of safely towing the FST. The FST weighs 7,500 lbs.
- 7.2 FST tow apparatus shall have a properly operating electronic trailer braking system.
- 7.3 The tow apparatus shall have a Reece receiver hitch that's capable of a 2 5/16" ball.
- 7.4 The tow apparatus shall have the proper 12 volt electric connection plug that will not only operate all the exterior trailer lighting but also properly operate the FST electronic braking system.
- 7.5 Prior to transporting the FST the driver of the tow apparatus shall test all of the FST exterior lighting and the electronic trailer braking system.