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- A. Hose loading operations shall be permitted to be performed on moving fire apparatus only when all of the following conditions are complied with:
 - 1. There shall be a member, other than those members loading hose, assigned as a safety observer. The safety observer shall have an unobstructed view of the hose loading operation, and shall be in visual and voice contact with the apparatus operator;
 - 2. Non-Fire Department vehicle traffic shall be excluded from the area or shall be under the control of authorized traffic control persons;
 - 3. The fire apparatus shall be driven only in a forward direction at a speed of 5 mph or less;
 - 4. No members shall be allowed to stand on the tailstep, sidestep, running board, or any other location on the apparatus while the apparatus is in motion;
- B. Members shall be permitted to be in the hose bed, but shall not stand while the apparatus is in motion;
- C. Prior to the beginning of each hose loading operation, the situation shall be evaluated to ensure compliance with all the provisions of the Standard Operating Procedure. If the Standard Operating Procedure cannot be complied with, or if there is any question as to the safety of the operation for a specific situation, then the hose shall not be loaded on a moving fire apparatus;
- D. Prior to the commencement of a hose loading operation that involves a moving apparatus, all members involved in the hose loading operation shall have been trained in these procedures.