ARE YOU NFPA COMPLIANT?
Hopefuly, your department will never face an incident involving a serious fire apparatus crash. However, should that unfortunate incident occur, it is imperative that your department's apparatus and driver training programs are NFPA compliant.

One of the first things a lawyer will do, usually after hiring a court qualified expert, is to request and examine all aspects of your apparatus maintenance program, driver training program and standard operating procedures. Therefore it is imperative that you “bulletproof” any apparatus or vehicle operating program, starting with NFPA compliance.

DID YOU KNOW…??
There are countless NFPA standards that apply to fire apparatus, fire apparatus maintenance, driver training and vehicle operations. While it is important to be familiar with all of these standards, there are three standards that are often overlooked. As a court qualified expert, hired by attorneys to review apparatus crashes, here are three important issues that often arise in civil trials during my review of a fire department vehicle program.

NFPA 1451 (5.2.1) – Driver training shall be provided for all members as necessary to meet the applicable requirements of this chapter but NOT LESS THAN TWICE A YEAR.

NFPA 1911 (16.2.1) – Every fire apparatus requires an annual weight certification to ensure that the vehicle is not overweight.

NFPA 1500 (6.2.2.2) – Pumpers and mobile water supply apparatus that DO NOT HAVE ANTI-LOCK BRAKES and carry over 999 gallons of on-board water supply SHALL BE OPERATED IN NON-EMERGENCY MODE AT ALL TIMES.

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