

CLIO AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICY

BACKING VEHICLES

Backing of vehicles is a very dangerous action.

Whenever driving a Department vehicle, the driver should make every attempt to position the vehicle so it does not require backing up.

When it is necessary to back up vehicles, the following are to be followed.

More than one person available: No Department vehicle will backup without a guide at the rear of the vehicle (preferably with a radio so direct communication between the driver and the backer can be maintained).

Driver Only: The driver must exit the vehicle and walk completely around the vehicle, making themselves aware of their surroundings prior to backing the vehicle.

Backing vehicles into Station #2 is currently required.

When a Tanker Shuttle Operation is in operation, the tankers are to pull along side the porta-tank and dump their water. They are not to pull past the porta-tank and backup to it. If receiving mutual aid from other departments, the Water Officer should instruct their drivers to only pull along side and not backup.