



# TOLEDO FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT



## B-2 Backing of Apparatus

### Non-Emergency Manual

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### Purpose

To ensure the safety of TFRD personnel while backing apparatus and accident prevention.

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### Policy/Procedure

**1.** All fire personnel excluding the driver, on any TFRD apparatus shall exit the vehicle and ALL personnel shall assist in backing any and all apparatus into the desired location.

**2.** The driver is ultimately responsible for the safe operations of the apparatus AT ALL TIMES!

**3.** If driver loses sight of the backer, they shall immediately stop apparatus until they once again gain sight of their backer!

**4.** Plymovent person is NOT a backer unless apparatus has only 2 persons assigned. If the plymovent person is to be utilized as a backer, the following procedure shall be followed:

- The Plymovent person shall guide apparatus to doorway of bay and driver shall stop rig completely.
- The Plymovent shall be attached to apparatus, and then plymovent person shall move into position where he/she is clearly visible to the driver.
- The Plymovent person will then guide apparatus slowly and safely into bay.

**5.** Reflective vests shall be utilized by all fire personnel when backing on public streets and or highways.

**6.** Portable radios shall be utilized in case contact needs to be made with the driver or an emergency stop is needed. The portable microphone shall be carried in a state of readiness, and all members must be on the same channel.

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