

Kent Fire Department Policy & Guidelines

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Approval: _____, Fire Chief

VEHICLE EXHAUST SYSTEMS

Policy References:

- 1) WAC 296-305-04501
- 2) WAC 296-307-04503
- 3) WAC 296-307-04505

Affected Members: All Uniformed Employees

Policy Statement: The department has installed vehicle exhaust systems in stations for member health protection and safety. These systems are designed to capture products of combustion from fire apparatus and, once installed, will be used at all times per manufacturer directions and this policy.

Action by:
Firefighter

Action:

1. Ensure that at all times when apparatus is parked in quarters that station exhaust systems are attached and functioning.
2. Ensure that any malfunctions or system problems are reported appropriately and promptly for maintenance.
3. Ensure that prior to entering the apparatus bay the station system is attached properly.

Station Officer

1. Ensure that station exhaust systems are functioning and used appropriately.
2. Ensure that prior to entering the apparatus bay the engineer allows proper attachment procedure
 - 1) Proceed to bay entrance and stop.
 - 2) Wait for member to exit vehicle to retrieve unit.
 - 3) Move into position and attach system per manufacturer recommendations and safe practices.
 - 4) Once system is attached and clearance is assured, proceed at an appropriate speed into bay.
3. Ensure inappropriate procedures such as “coasting”, misuse of the system and other “shortcuts” do not occur.