

Hauser Lake Fire Protection District

Standard Operating Guideline Off-Road Vehicle Usage

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Off-road Vehicle Usage

25.01 Purpose:

The purpose of this Guideline is to insure that there are guidelines regarding usage and safety in the event non-district owned off-road vehicles may be used during an incident.

25.02 Definitions

Off-road vehicles are defined as All Terrain Vehicles (ATV), Utility Vehicle (UTV), snowmobile or motorcycle.

25.03 Off-road vehicles should only be operated by the owner who is a member of the Department or if the vehicle is owned by another party there needs to be a Memorandum of Understanding between the owner (i.e. Sheriff Department) and the District.

25.04 The Off-road vehicle owner assumes all liability for damage to the vehicle or any property that may occur during its usage on the incident.

25.05 Operator should always wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment when operating the vehicle. This may include long pants, over the ankle boots, gloves and helmet. If appropriate a DOT compliant helmet is recommended or structural fire helmet may be used. A wildland firefighting helmet does not offer adequate protection and should not be considered proper protective equipment for vehicle operation.

25.06 Operator should always follow applicable state and USFS laws and regulations when operating vehicle.

25.07 Never operate a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

25.08 Off-road vehicles should only carry passengers if designed to do so.

25.09 Operate only at a safe speed.

25.10 Operators should complete an ATV Safety Course.

NOTE: Free safety courses available: IDL operators training; Online ATV E-Course available at ATV Safety Institute (<https://cbt.svia.org/moodle/login/index.php>)