

**Cedarville Township Volunteer Fire Department**  
**VEHICLE BACKING POLICY**  
**2008**

The intent of this policy is to reduce the potential risk to employees, the public, their property, and emergency equipment.

Many considerations must be taken when operating emergency vehicles. This policy addresses only one aspect, one in which many incidents have taken place and resulted in damage to vehicles or property.

1. Always consider placement of your vehicle:
  - a) Moving forward from a parked position has less risk than backing.
  - b) Mirrors should be adjusted to provide greatest visibility.
  
2. Backing:
  - a) Emergency lights shall be operating.
  - b) A backer/spotter must be present. With a portable radio if possible.
  - c) Driver's window in the down position.
  - d) Backup alarm operating.
  - e) Driver to backer eye contact maintained always.
  - f) If unable to see the backer, STOP the vehicle immediately until backer confirms that backing may continue.
  - g) Look and listen.
  
3. Secure the vehicle with the parking brake when backing is complete.

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