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Non-entry/Cadet Responses

In the academy, firefighters learn about structure firefighting, fighting car fires, fighting flammable liquid and gas fires, and auto extrication, among a host of other things. For these types of calls, they need to be given priority seating on responding rigs.

For fire responses, priority seating goes to entry firefighters for the engines and tenders. Non-entry and cadets should ride the rescues or squads. If the engine or tender is getting ready to roll and there is an empty seat, a non-entry/cadet can ride. But they should wait for the officer or driver to tell them to get in.

For MVCs, priority goes to entry firefighters for the rescues as those people have been trained in extrication. Non-entry/cadets should ride the engine if there is room or take a squad if there isn't room. If the rescue is getting ready to roll and there is an empty seat, a non-entry/cadet can ride. But they should wait for the officer or driver to tell them to get in.

In either of the above types of calls, if the non-entry/cadet member has been given the nod to get in a rig and take the last seat and an entry firefighter shows up before the rig rolls, the non-entry/cadet member will need to give up their seat to the entry firefighter.

This memo will remain in effect until incorporated in the district's Standard Operating Guidelines manual.
