

FREWSBURG FIRE DISTRICT OPERATIONAL POLICY	Section 2	GENERAL RULES	
	SUBJECT	CELLULAR PHONE USE	
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I. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Frewsburg Fire District members and the use of cellular devices while on an emergency call.

II. PURPOSE

Distracted driving is a leading cause of major incidents producing catastrophic injuries and fatalities. As emergency responders, it is our duty to ensure the safety of the citizens and visitors of the Towns of Carroll and South Valley to the best of our ability. This policy is intended to provide direction and accountability in the proper use of cell phones and other electronic media. This will assist in the safe and efficient response of FFC personnel to and from emergency incidents, training, or drills, while allowing the FFC to provide an effective example to those around us.

III. PROCEDURE

1. ***AT NO TIME SHALL ANY FREWSBURG MEMBER OPERATING ANY FREWSBURG APPARATUS OR EQUIPMENT INITIATE OR RECEIVE CELL PHONE CALLS OR USE ANY PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE SUCH AS PDA's, MP3 PLAYERS OR OTHER POTENTIALLY DISTRACTING DEVICES.***

- A. The exception to this rule is present only in Frewsburg apparatus equipped with a hands-free option. Ensuring a safe and effective response is critical for the driver. While providing for the safety of assigned personnel and citizens is the responsibility of all responders, specifically the Officer in charge or the Incident commander.
2. Cell phone communications while on a call must be limited and ***WILL NOT*** interfere with patient care.
3. Personal use of cell phone or other devices during an incident response is inappropriate and unprofessional. Cell phones must remain stored away or on vibrate so as not to interrupt patient assessments and care.
4. All electronic devices and / or other potentially distracting items shall be turned off or placed in a status to avoid distraction.

*** NOTE ***

Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action.