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Responding from stations - safety precautions

Issue

There have been several recent cases where firefighters have been injured or suffered near misses when they were too close to or attempting to board fire appliances responding from fire stations.

The following precautions must be followed by all personnel.

Appliance drivers

Before responding:

1. Activate the emergency warning lights to indicate that the appliance is about to respond.
2. Check that everyone has their seat belt fastened.
3. Check your mirrors and ensure that the surrounding area is clear of people.
4. Only proceed when safe to do so.

All personnel

When an appliance is responding:

- Do not approach or try to enter or leave the appliance when the lights are activated or the appliance is moving.
- Consider whether the driver is aware of your presence.

Actions required

Station Commanders must ensure that all personnel understand and comply with these instructions.

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