Sonoma County Fire and Emergency Services

Driver’s License Checklist

Sonoma County Fire and Emergency Services SOP 2-6-71 outlines the driver’s license procedure as outlined in California State law. This checklist is intended as an additional tool to verify all requirements have been met.

Drivers may apply for a Class C license and a firefighter endorsement. This enables them to drive any fire apparatus.

OR

Drivers may apply for a Class A or B commercial license with a firefighter endorsement. This allows them to serve as a qualified behind the wheel instructor.

Training Option 1

Driver 1 A; Complete all:

- Complete the driver prerequisite task form prior to attending Driver 1A. A certified instructor must administer this process (see instructor requirements).
- Complete Driver 1A and obtain the State Fire Marshal Certificate.
- Have the certified instructor from Driver 1A sign off the Sonoma County Task book.
- Complete 6 additional hours of behind the wheel drive time with a certified instructor.
- Submit the completed task book and Driver 1A certification to the Sonoma County Training Officer.
- Obtain a letter verifying proof of employment or registration as a volunteer firefighter signed by the Sonoma County Fire and Emergency Services Chief or his designee. Volunteer Chiefs are not approved to sign this letter. The County Fire Training Officer will facilitate this letter.
- Take this letter to the DMV and take the required test.
- A medical exam form must be submitted to the DMV. (DL546A for Class C or DL 51 for Class A or B commercial) Current forms are available on the DMV website.
- Upon successful completion of the DMV test, a DL 88 card will be issued by the DMV.
- Bring the DL 88 card to County fire for the Chief’s signature. The volunteer Chief is not authorized to sign this card.
- Provide a current copy of the Driver’s license with the DL 88 card to County Fire.
- Complete the DMV pull notification form and submit to County Fire (form is included in the new recruit packet).
Training Option 2

Sonoma County Training Program: Complete all:

- Complete a minimum 16 hours of class room instruction
- Complete the Driver’s License Task book
- Complete 14 hours of behind the wheel drive time with a certified or approved instructor.
- Complete the driver test (outlined in the task book)
- Submit the completed task book to the Sonoma County Training Officer
- Obtain a letter verifying proof of employment or registration as a volunteer firefighter signed by the Sonoma County Fire and Emergency Services Chief or his designee. Volunteer Chiefs are not approved to sign this letter. The County Fire Training Officer will facilitate this letter.
- Take this letter to the DMV and take the required test.
- A medical exam form must be submitted to the DMV. (DL546A for Class C or DL 51 for Class A or B commercial) Current forms are available on the DMV website.
- Upon successful completion of the DMV test, a DL 88 card will be issued by the DMV.
- Bring the DL 88 card to County Fire for the Chief’s signature. The volunteer Chief is not authorized to sign this card.
- Provide a current copy of the Driver’s license with the DL 88 card to County Fire
- Complete the DMV pull notification form and submit to County Fire (form is included in the new recruit packet).

Instructor Requirements:

- California Certified Fire Instructor certified to teach Driver 1A

OR all of the following:

- 5 years experience as an emergency vehicle operator, three of which must be at the rank of engineer or higher
- Possess a valid California Commercial class A or B license
- Is certified as a qualified training instructor by the California State Fire Marshal’s Office, the federal government, or a county training officers association.
  - (Sonoma County Training Officers have a peer review process for instructors that do not meet the above requirements.) See Sonoma County Training Officers Policy