**Boulder County Hazardous Materials Team**

Driving Standards of BCHMT Vehicles

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**Scope:** This guideline applies to all members of the Boulder County Hazardous Materials Team (BCHMT)

**Purpose:** The purpose of this guideline is to establish the driving requirements necessary in order for BCHMT personnel to be allowed to drive BCHMT vehicles.

**Guideline:**

* All BCHMT personnel that wish to drive BCHMT vehicles must first complete the DFPC Driver Operator Pump certification or the equivalent non-DFPC Certification and any other DO requirements that their home agency adheres to. Though Hazmat vehicles are not capable of pumping water, most Hazmat vehicles are equal in size if not larger than Fire Department Engines and by obtaining the above certification we ensure that the DO has been adequately trained.
* **Due to the fact that not all BCHMT participating agencies require their personnel to be DFPC Driver Operator Pump certified, it is acceptable for personnel within those agencies to complete the agency internal Driver Operator program and once those personnel are cleared to drive Fire Department Engines, they may drive BCHMT vehicles.**
* Utility vehicles such as a Type 6 or Ambulance will not require a Driver Operator certification, only a valid State issued drivers license.
* It is recommended that anyone pulling an Authority owned trailer receive the appropriate training through their home agency. If the Home agency does not provide that specific training, members from one of the other Authority agencies will provide the training.
* The certification review of each BCHMT member wishing to drive a BCHMT vehicle will be responsibility of each agency’s Advisory Committee representative.
* All certifications will be reviewed annually in order to ensure compliance.