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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL FIRE DEPARTMENTS
FROM: RONNIE DAY
DATE: JULY 25, 2005
SUBJECT: FUELING OF VEHICLES

Just wanted to share this information with you, as I have received several phone calls from citizens regarding fueling of apparatus. Their question was when an apparatus is being fueled should they follow the regulations posted at the gas stations - as far as where turning the engines off is concerned. I did not answer these complaints but did however contact the Fire Marshal's Office for guidance. This is the response I received from them.

The current standard in use in Kentucky is NFPA 30A, 2000 Edition. Section 9.2.5.1 specifically requires that motors should be shut off on all vehicles during fueling. It does not differentiate between a Class I liquid, gasoline and a class II liquid, diesel fuel.

It would stand to reason that we all should follow these instructions for safety, as well as to set an example where all citizens are concerned.

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