

# SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

## Standard Operating Procedures

### 10.12.08 CELL PHONES



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**Purpose:** To provide guidance for the use of District owned cellular telephones.

**References:** RCW 46.61.667

**Procedure:**

1. Cell Phones
  - a) Use of cellular phones and texting while driving is illegal in the State of Washington; however operators of authorized emergency vehicles are exempt.
  - b) Members who use hand-held phones on District business shall refrain from using them while driving whenever possible.
  - c) When making or receiving a call members should pull the vehicle over to a safe parking area before beginning a conversation.
  - d) At the same time, those with hands-free phones should conduct only very limited phone calls, and pull off to a safe parking area if the conversation becomes involved, the traffic becomes heavy, or the road conditions are poor.