



Northeast Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures

Personal owned vehicle (POV)	
Date in Effect	6/1/2022
Revised	6/1/2022
Edited By	Jason Duran
Approved By	Jimmy Evans

Purpose

The Procedures following are for Northeast personnel wishing to run emergency warning devices on personal owned vehicle (POV). A professional image shall be displayed at all times. The use of emergency warning devices does not give you the right of way; it is only a request of a right of way.

Personal Owned Vehicle Response

- Reckless driving will not be permitted under any circumstances.
- Four way flashers ARE NOT permitted nor recognized as an emergency vehicle. Only approved Emergency Lights and Sirens permitted.
- POV shall not exceed 10MPH the posted speed limit.
- When responding POV and you encounter a stop sign or red light, a complete stop shall be made, continue only after all other vehicles have yielded the right of way.
- No member is permitted to run lights and siren inside the city limits until you have either reached LOOP 250, Interstate 20 or FM/County roads.
- All POV drivers shall always drive as conditions (road / weather) permit and use DUE REGARD.
- Under no circumstance will a FD vehicle or POV pass a stopped School Bus displaying flashing red lights and extended stop sign until sign is retracted and driver signals you around.
- Upon arrival at the scene with approval of an officer, all POV shall park at least 200 feet away. Scenes that have hazardous material may be required to park further away.
- Parking of POV must not interfere with normal flow of traffic and shall not inhibit emergency vehicles on the scene or entering the scene.
- POV's shall remain a safe distance (200 feet) behind responding apparatus nor will a POV be used to block intersections for responding apparatus.
- POV's will yield to all emergency vehicles and allow them to proceed in front of them.
- All POV's need to park on the same side of the road, usually the opposite side from the incident.

Requirements for emergency warning devices

- Emergency lights must be seen in the front and rear of the vehicle with alternating patterns of light.

- Audible Siren with a minimum of 100 watts must be used with emergency lights.
- All new probationary fire fighters are prohibited from using emergency lighting until their 6 Month probationary period is fulfilled AND signed off by an officer.
- Any member requesting permission to use emergency warning devices must first have EVOC and POV emergency response class and be 21 years of age.
- The Firefighter must provide proof of liability insurance to department before permission is granted.
- All POV's requesting permission to use warning devices must be approved by the Assistant Chief or Fire Chief and proper records completed.