

Operating Guideline # 502

Police and Ambulance

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Operating Guideline (OG) is to establish guidelines to ensure a timely response to all emergencies.

GUIDELINE:

1. All firefighters responding to the station or emergency scene in personal vehicles when approached from the rear by an ambulance or police vehicle with lights and siren activated shall pull to the right and come to a stop as soon as it is safe to do so in accordance with the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act.

2. If while responding to an emergency scene in a *department apparatus* under emergency conditions, (lights and siren), the apparatus is approached from the rear by an ambulance or police vehicle operating with lights and siren, the apparatus operator shall continue the response to the scene of the emergency. The apparatus operator may consider pulling to the right to yield to faster/overtaking emergency vehicles only if the apparatus is being operated on a multilane highway and it can be safely manoeuvred into the right lane without delaying the fire department response.

RESPONSIBILITY:

It is the responsibility of all Emergency Operations Division staff to comply with the provisions of this Operating Guideline.