

Operating Guideline # 505

Speed Limits

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Operating Guideline (OG) is to establish guidelines that promote the safe and efficient operation of Department apparatus.

GUIDELINE:

1. Fire apparatus being driven under any condition shall adhere to the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act at all times.
2. Where “advisory speed signs” are posted (i.e. - yellow signs posted at curves in a roadway), these are to be taken as maximum allowable speeds for fire apparatus operating in these specific areas.
3. Fire apparatus operators approaching an uncontrolled intersection shall slow the apparatus down and proceed cautiously through the intersection only when they have an unobstructed right-of-way.
4. Fire apparatus operators approaching an intersection controlled by a green traffic light/signal shall slow the apparatus down and proceed cautiously through the intersection only when they have an unobstructed right-of-way on a green light. Upon approach to an amber or red light, the apparatus shall be brought to a complete stop, and may proceed only after the driver has made eye contact with any other driver approaching this intersection, and all other vehicles have stopped and yielded to the fire apparatus.
5. Fire apparatus operators approaching an intersection controlled by a stop sign shall bring the fire apparatus to a complete stop at the stop line and or before entering the intersection and shall proceed only after the driver has made eye contact with any other driver approaching this intersection, and all other vehicles have stopped and yielded to the fire apparatus.

RESPONSIBILITY:

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

REFERENCES:

- Highway Traffic Act