



# Jackson Hole Fire/EMS Operations Manual

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Title: **Apparatus Ops,  
Driving**

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish Jackson Hole Fire/EMS policy relative to driving Fire/EMS apparatus and other vehicles. See Division 9, Article 2 Member Requirements for Driving Fire/EMS Vehicles for definition of license requirements.

## SCOPE

The policy applies to all Jackson Hole Fire/EMS members.

## GENERAL POLICY

1. All members will participate in an annual Emergency Vehicle Operations training. Annual training will be documented and placed in each members personnel file
2. The chock blocks provided with various pieces of apparatus shall be utilized whenever the apparatus is parked, except within the stations.
3. Members driving Fire/EMS vehicles shall observe the Basic Speed Rule (never exceed a speed which is safe, reasonable and proper for existing conditions).
4. When backing apparatus, a member shall serve as a guide to assist the driver and insure a safe backing operation. (See Division 9, Article 1).
5. Members driving Fire/EMS vehicles shall utilize defensive driving techniques.
6. Fire/EMS members driving emergency vehicles shall use extreme caution when approaching and traversing street intersections.
7. Fire/EMS members driving emergency vehicles shall use extreme caution on approach to the emergency scene.
8. Fire/EMS members driving emergency vehicles shall utilize warning devices in accordance with those guidelines found in this document.
9. Seat belts shall be worn by all personnel in Fire/EMS apparatus.

## SECTION I – REPSONSE

It is the responsibility of the member sitting in the Officer's Seat (Front-right Passenger Seat) to determine level of response emergency (emergent vs. non-emergent). The Incident Commander will make it a priority to notify responding units of any change in urgency.

Deciding factors in level of response emergency will include, but not be limited to Nature of the Call, Traffic, Time of Day.

### **Response to the Station**

1. **All Personally Owned Vehicles (POV's) responding to station for emergency response:**
  - a. All POV's or non Jackson Hole Fire/EMS vehicles used in responding to an emergency and/or operated in route to station following a page are considered Emergency Vehicles.
  - b. All vehicles shall operate with headlights on and emergency 4-way flashers activated.
  - c. All vehicles shall obey all Wyoming State Statutes regarding vehicle operation.

### **Emergent Vehicle Operations**

1. **All JHF/EMS apparatus, when responding to an emergent call:**
  - a. Turn headlights, emergency lights and siren on.
  - b. Do not exceed the posted speed limit.
  - c. Approach all stop signs and stop lights with caution.
    1. Stop at all stop signs and stop lights and control the intersection
    2. Change siren tone to warn traffic.
    3. Slow or stop at the intersection.
    4. Look in all directions.
    5. Proceed with caution when all other traffic in the intersection has stopped.
2. **Ambulances returning to the Hospital with an emergent patient:**
  - a. Turn headlights, emergency lights and siren on.
  - b. Do not exceed the posted speed limit.
  - c. Approach all stop signs and stop lights with caution.
    1. Stop at all stop signs and stop lights and control the intersection
    2. Change siren tone to warn traffic.
    3. Slow or stop at the intersection.
    4. Look in all directions.
    5. Proceed with caution when all other traffic in the intersection has stopped.

### **Non-Emergent Vehicle Operations**

1. **All apparatus, when responding to a non-emergent call:**
  - a. Do not use emergency lights or siren.
  - b. Do not exceed posted speed limit.
  - c. Follow all traffic laws.
2. **Ambulances returning to the Hospital with a non-emergent patient:**
  - a. Do not use emergency lights or siren.
  - b. Do not exceed the posted speed limit.
  - c. Obey all traffic laws.
3. **Ambulances conducting a routine transport:**
  - a. Do not use emergency lights or siren.
  - b. Do not exceed the posted speed limit.
  - c. Obey all traffic laws.