

Rules and Regulations, LSRF 130
VEHICLE OPERATIONS

I. Purpose:

To reduce the possibility of liability in the event of an accident and to maintain compliance with Wisconsin state law by distributing guidelines, policies and procedures in emergency vehicle operations of the first responder vehicle.

II. Policy:

All first responders operating the first responder vehicle must possess a valid Wisconsin driver's license and a current EVOC certification. All members driving the first responder vehicle will conform to Wisconsin State Statutes 346.03 when operating an emergency vehicle.

- A. When responding to an emergency call, the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle as defined in 340.01(3) may use the privileges set forth in this section, but subject to the conditions as stated in subsection (2) to (5).
- B. The driver of an emergency vehicle may:
 - 1. Stop, stand, or park, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter
 - 2. Proceed past a red or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation
 - 3. Exceed the speed limit
 - 4. Disregard regulations governing direction
- C. The exemption granted to the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle by subsection(2)(a) applies only when the driver of the vehicle is giving visual signal by means of at least one flashing, oscillating, or rotating red light. The exemptions granted by subsection (2)(b), (c) and (d) apply only when the driver of the emergency vehicle is giving both visual signal and an audible signal by means of a siren or exhaust whistle.
- D. The exceptions granted to the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle by this section does not relieve such operator from duty to drive with due regard nor does it protect such operator from the consequences of his reckless disregard for the safety of others.
- E. Seatbelts will be used by the driver and all other first responders. This is in compliance with 347.48.

In all conditions the driver must always operate with DUE REGARD.