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Personnel can use visual devices in personally owned vehicles (POV's) while responding to the Station to become part of the crew on emergency apparatus for any emergency except the following:

- Water problems
- Animal problems
- Any service call or good intent calls

In addition, emergency apparatus will not use visual or audible devices when responding to the above requests.

During all other emergency responses, when applicable, both visual and audible emergency devices will be utilized on all emergency apparatus at each intersection and when the need arises to notify other drivers to have them grant the right of way. The emergency vehicle operators (EVO's) will need to determine if audible devices are appropriate for response given the time of day and traffic. All decisions will be based on the safety of the crew and the general public.

The only emergency apparatus that will respond with visual and audible warning devices to any automatic fire alarm activation will be the first due Engine. All other emergency apparatus and POV's will respond with no audible or warning devices. The only time this will change is if additional information is obtained enroute to the call necessitating the need to expedite the response. This would include anything affecting the life safety or property that could be potentially involved in the emergency.

In order to increase the safety of all emergency personnel while responding with the Water Tanker, the only time visual and audible devices will be used with that particular vehicle is if it is responding to a structure fire or mutual aid. Otherwise, it is to respond with the flow of traffic and obey every traffic law.

No emergency vehicle or POV will ever return from any scene with visual or audible warning devices activated.

Any POV's that will be utilizing visual devices for emergency response must have obtained a red light permit from the Fire Chief. These permits must be renewed on an annual basis. The use of any visual device in any POV, still requires the driver to obey all Department policies and State laws pertaining to emergency response, driving, and in particular within reason, the speed limits.

No member of the Department will utilize any audible device on their POV.

The use of any visual or audible device in any Department emergency apparatus, still requires the driver to obey all Department policies and State laws pertaining to emergency response, driving, and in particular within reason, the speed limits.