



MECKLENBURG EMS AGENCY

Median Policy



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Note: All accidents, regardless of severity, must be reported immediately. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to prevent damage to Agency vehicles by stopping the practice of driving over center road dividers (medians).

Definitions

Median – Any divider used to divide a roadway. They can be constructed of any material, including but not limited to concrete and grass.

Agency Vehicle – Any vehicle owned and operated by Mecklenburg EMS Agency. This includes all styles of ambulances currently in operation and any new models and designs that may be incorporated into the fleet at any time. This also includes any Special Operations vehicles and Supervisor vehicles.

***The S.W.A.T. vehicle is not bound to this policy when it is being used by authorized S.W.A.T. trained personnel in the duties of an active S.W.A.T. call.

Policy

At no time during a response or during routine operations will it be permissible to cross a median with an agency vehicle. This is due to the unknown and non-standard heights of concrete medians in Mecklenburg County. It is also not permissible to cross grass or other style medians due to the unknown composition and the chance of getting an agency vehicle stuck.

If an agency vehicle becomes stuck on or in a median, this will be considered a preventable accident and will be subject to disciplinary action. (Ref: RS 002-1)

Corrective Action / Progressive Discipline

- **1st Offense:** One-on-one driver training and follow the PIPD process.
- **2nd Offense:** Continuation of the PIPD process.