

Intersections
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Intersection Definitions

- **Controlled Intersection-** Any intersection controlled by a stop sign, yield sign, yellow traffic light or red traffic light.
- **Uncontrolled Intersection-** Any intersection that does not have a control device (stop sign, yield sign, traffic signals, road markings or signs) to indicate the right-of-way.

LAW OF DUE REGARD

Law of Due Regard: Sufficient notice of the ambulance's approach must be given to allow the other motorist and pedestrians to yield the right of way. Failure to give notice until a collision is inevitable generally does not satisfy the principal of "due regard".

VEHICLE OPERATIONS POLICY

✚ While operating a vehicle in emergency mode and approaching an intersection with a yellow light, red light, stop sign or with no traffic control devices, the operator will come to a complete stop and assess all lanes of travel one at a time for oncoming or impeding traffic. The operator will not exceed a speed of 15 miles per hour when clearing the entire intersection.

APPROACHING INTERSECTIONS

✱ Use Both Sirens.

✱ Use the Air Horn.

- At least 200 feet before entering the intersection.
- Multiple times while clearing the intersection.

✱ Do not rely on warning devices to clear traffic.

✱ Establish eye contact with other drivers and pedestrians.

✱ Scan the intersection for possible hazards (right turns on red, pedestrians, vehicles traveling fast, etc.) before proceeding.

CLEARING INTERSECTIONS

- ✱ Come to a **COMPLETE STOP!**
- ✱ **Have your partner help you clear the intersection.**
- ✱ Treat each lane as a separate intersection by assessing all lanes of travel for oncoming or impeding traffic.
- ✱ Do not exceed 5 mph while checking each lane of travel.
- ✱ Never exceed 15 mph while clearing the entire intersection.

Vehicle Accidents

- **Vehicle Accident** - A collision that occurs between an Agency vehicle and another object or vehicle.
- **Preventable Accident** - Any accident where an Agency vehicle makes contact with another object/vehicle and the operator failed to do everything he/she could reasonably have done to prevent it.

Accident Investigations

- On-duty supervisor will respond and start the investigation.
- Risk and safety will complete the investigation and rule the accident preventable or non-preventable.
- Any employee involved in an accident may be subject to drug and alcohol testing.

Post Accident Training for Preventable Accidents

- No damage or injury = No action
- Minor to moderate cosmetic damage (dents or scratches) = Mandatory post-accident training
- Major damage (multiple components of vehicle have damage and require extensive repair) = Mandatory post-accident training & PIPD
- Accidents caused by or connected with a direct policy violation = PIPD
- New Hire Employee (less than 90 days) = Mandatory post-accident training

Questions ???



Good driving is doing small things the right way consistently!