

Wayne County Sheriff's Office

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Emergency Vehicle Operations

General Order 41.2.1 Responding Procedures

General Order 22.5.13 Operation of Departmental Vehicles

Purpose: To instruct the Probationary Officer on procedures concerning driving an emergency vehicle in different situations.

A. Responding Lights and Siren

1. You can respond lights and siren when: the call requires the immediate apprehension of a criminal, or the immediate protection of substantial property, or the prevention of injury to a person. The following is a list of some of the most common.
 - Fights in progress
 - Domestic Disputes where there is a battery in progress
 - Personal Injury Accidents
 - Burglary in progress
 - Robbery in progress
2. Certain calls require you to make a silent approach. When responding silent (lights only)-come to a complete stop at stop lights and stop signs. You need to be extra careful during daylight hours because it will be harder for people to see you with just your lights on. Keep in mind that anytime you run lights and siren you should discontinue using the siren when you get near the area of the call. A few examples of when you might run silent to calls:
 - Robbery in progress
 - B&E in progress
3. You must use **due regard** for the safety of all citizens when responding lights and siren, as you can be held responsible, civilly and criminally for accidents caused by negligence. You cannot predict what other drivers are going to do as you approach them when responding lights and siren. You need to be going at a speed where you can safely react to other drivers.

B. Pursuits

1. Another officer will not pass primary officer unless directed by the primary officer.
2. Only three Wayne County units should actively be involved in the pursuit. Other units should setup in an assistance position.
3. Keep supervisor informed of the status of a pursuit, when assisting in another agency's pursuit, setting up a roadblock, and continuing a pursuit outside of Wayne County.
4. No civilian passengers are allowed during a pursuit
5. Speed should be kept appropriate with the conditions
6. Must drive with **due regard**.

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C. Miscellaneous

1. Remember that when responding with lights and siren that people might not see emergency lights as well on a sunny day as they would during night.
2. Also remember that during hot or cold weather drivers might have their windows up with the air conditioning or heater on with the radio playing and might not hear you as well
3. When using your patrol car to protect a scene use emergency lights.

Probationary Officer's Signature and Unit Number

Date

FTO's Signature and Unit Number

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