EMS Driving Information for EMS Personnel

Indiana Code 9 -

Goals of Session: Become familiar with the definitions:

Emergency vehicles definitions
Equipment
Markings
Laws in regard to use of emergency vehicles
Green & Blue Light Laws
Drivers Speed Exceptions
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Authorized Emergency Vehicles

- Fire Department Vehicles
- Police Department Vehicles
- Ambulances – Medical Services Vehicle
- Vehicles operated for/by Hospitals for emergency purposes
- Vehicles designated by IDT
- Vehicles approved by EMS Commission: transport and non transport
- Vehicles designated by the Dept. of Correction

Medical Services Vehicle

A vehicle used or intended for the purpose of responding to emergency or non emergency and providing emergency or non emergency transportation service.
Distinctive Markings

May be equipped with siren, exhaust whistle, or bell

Signal Lamps – flashing, rotating, or oscillating of red/white/blue light

Laws In Regard to use of Emergency Vehicles:

Audible devices must be heard not less than 500’

Emergency Warning Devices may be used only in responses to emergency calls

Use siren when reasonably necessary to warn pedestrians and other persons driving vehicles approaching the authorized vehicle.

Lighting Devises shall be seen for 180 degrees and may be displayed on school buses, snow removal equipment, turn signals, traffic hazards, and authorized emergency vehicle
Blue and Green Light Laws:

Certified EMT, Certified Driver or Certified 1st Responder

Volunteer Fire Fighters with authorization from Department

Same requirements, restrictions, and conditions apply for both IC 9-19-14.5-1 (p2) and IC 36-8-12-11 (p7)

Driver Requirements:

Have a valid Indiana Driver’s License
At least 18 years of age

Driver Responsibilities when Responding to an Emergency:

Maintain a reasonable and prudent speed, but reduced at intersections, railroads, curves, crest of hills, and weather conditions.
Use Interstate U-turn-around as needed
Stop for a stopped school bus not divided by a physical barrier.
Stop Immediately in case of an accident and notify police authorities.
Responding to an Emergency not from
Display an audible siren or flashing lights
Emergency Driving Responsibilities

- Park or Stand in any location as needed
- Proceed past a red or stop sign after slowing down for safety precautions.
- Exceed the speed limits if done safely
- Disregard regulations regulating traffic movement or turning

Indiana Code 35 and 36

IC 35-44-3-8
A person who knowingly obstructs a fireman during their emergency duties commits a Class A misdemeanor.

IC35-44-3-8.5
A person who knowingly obstructs an EMT during their emergency duties commits a Class A misdemeanor.

IC36-8-12-11
Volunteer Firefighter Blue Light Law