

Coldspring Excelsior Fire and Rescue
Standard Operating Policies
6565 County Road 612 NE
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Section 4.20

RESPONSE TO FIRE AND RESCUE CALL

SECTION: 1 RESPONDING IN FIRE APPARATUS

1. Any one operating any fire department owned vehicle will have a valid Michigan driver license. Reasons for suspension or termination of driving privileges are as follows:
 - a. Any one with six (6) or more points on there license shall have to go in front of the officers board before being permitted to drive department vehicles.
 - b. Any one with four (4) or more points on there license one or more points coming from a reckless or hazardous driving condition will have to go in front of the officer's board before being permitted to drive department vehicles.
 - c. Any other violations judged by the officers of the department to be detrimental to the department or personal safety.

2. All Department vehicles will be driven in a safe manner.
3. While en-route to and during an emergency call, overhead and marker warning lights will be activated upon leaving the station.
4. While en-route to emergency call sirens will be activated upon leaving the station.
5. Overhead and marker warning lights will be activated any time a vehicle is backing up and back up alarm should automatically sound also.
6. All drivers of fire department vehicles must first pass the state driver training approved by the FFTC and have a fire chief's signed copy in there personal file.
7. All drivers shall drive in a reasonable and safe manner keeping safety and road conditions and vehicle foremost in mind.
8. Fire department vehicles shall not leave the paved public roadway unless designated to do so by the officer in command. (excluded are wildfire fighting vehicles)

9. All person driving department vehicles to or from and emergency call will make a complete stop for school buses which are releasing children with the markers light activated. Until the drive of the bus visually releases you.
- 10.No fire department vehicles may be used for any other purposes other than fire department business.

SECTION: 2 RESPONDING IN PERSONAL VEHICLES

1. The use of red lights and sirens are for the purpose of asking for the right of way. This departments suggest red lights and siren be used on personal vehicles if that vehicle is used for emergency response.
2. Red light and sirens are required of personal vehicle that wish to ask for these permission.
3. Any personal vehicles used to respond to emergencies shall follow all local, state and federal laws and road markings.
4. Any fire officer has the right to temporally revoke permission to the use of red lights and siren on a personal vehicle. Final decision is made by the fire chief or the fire officer's board.
 - a. Vehicle condition is not safe
 - b. Unsafe driving practices
 - c. Any other unsafe practices deemed by the officers board
5. Written approval from the standing fire chief shall be required to use red lights and siren and copies shall be kept in the vehicle and personal file.
6. Probationary personal are not permitted to use red lights and sirens.
7. Red lights must be accompanied by a siren if used to respond to emergency call.
8. All drivers shall drive in a reasonable and safe manner keeping safety and road conditions and vehicle foremost in mind.
9. The fire chief has the right to stop the use of a vehicle to be used for emergency response if the fire chief deems it unsafe
- 10.You are responsible for your driving, violations, and accidents while driving a personal vehicle to an emergency call.

11. If you are involved in an accident during any emergency call you are responsible to stay at that accident and are not available for the call of the time.

SECTION 3: Actual Response

1. When responding to an emergency call all personal shall be required to respond to the station first. Response to the station is required so that equipment and personal protective equipment may be acquired.
2. Personal might be permitted to respond directly to the scene if authorized by the officer in charge and:
 - a. The emergency scene is between there present location and station
 - b. Personal protective equipment is either with the person or being brought on and responding vehicle
 - c. As authorized via radio or phone by the officer in charge
3. No personal shall pass the station to respond to a scene
4. No person shall respond to the emergency scene when the department is closer than the scene
5. Personal shall not use red lights and siren when responding from outside of the department initial response area
6. Personal shall not respond to emergency calls using lights and siren from outside of the county of Kalkaska unless directed to do so by the officer in charge

SECTION 4: Diplomacy actions

1. Any and all personal can be have driving privileges suspended, or suspended and / or released from the department upon any driving offence convictions as found by the state of Michigan.
2. Any person found driving to or during and emergency call for the purpose of the emergency call or driving a department vehicle without an Michigan Driver license shall be released from the department immediately.
3. Personal using private vehicles to respond to an emergency call not using emergency lights and siren must obey all traffic laws and not ask for or attempt to ask for the right of way using any other means.

NOTE: THIS SECTION SHALL NOT RELIEVE THE DRIVER OF AN AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM THE DUTY TO DRIVE WITH DUE REGARD FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PERSONS USING THE STREET, NOR SHALL IT PROTECT THE DRIVER OF ANY EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM THE CONSEQUENCE OF A RECKLESS DISREGARD OF THE SAFETY OF OTHERS."

Approval Signature and date

Fire Chief _____

Board Member _____

Board Member _____