

APPENDIX VII - DRIVING OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES

(Excerpts taken from PA VEHICLE CODE - 75 PA C.S., Section 3105)

1(A) General Rule

The driver of a designated emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency call or when responding to, but not upon returning from, a fire alarm MAY exercise *PRIVILEGES* set forth in this section, but subject to the conditions stated in this section.

2(B) Exercise of Special Privileges

The driver of an emergency vehicle MAY:

- a(1) Park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this part.
- b(2) Proceed past a red signal indication or stop sign but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation, except as provided in subsection (d).
- c(3) Exceed the maximum speed limits so long as the driver does not endanger life or property, except as provided in subsection (d).
- d(4) Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specific directions.

3(C) Audible and Visual Signals Required

The privileges granted in this section to an emergency vehicle shall apply only when the vehicle is making use of audible and visual signals meeting the requirements and standards set forth in regulations adopted by the department.

4(D) Ambulance Vehicles

The driver of an ambulance vehicle shall comply with maximum speed limits, red signal indications and stop signs. After ascertaining that the ambulance will be given the right-of-way, the driver may proceed through a red signal indication or stop sign.

NOTE: Additional requirements for response by EMS units are found in PA Act 45 of 1985, the Emergency Services Act.

5(E) Exercise of Care

This section does not relieve the driver of an emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons.