Driving Apparatus To Incidents
Principles Of Code 3 Driving

- Use of warning devices
  - Lights, siren, and air horn
  - Driving at a safe speed
Driving Code 3

- Right-of-way
  - Driver/operator requests it
    - Use warning lights and siren

- Do not rely on the public obeying the CVC
  - Pulling to the right and stopping
  - Pedestrians to the curb
  - “Due regard”
Factors To Consider

- Expect the unexpected
- Expect the worst
- Take nothing for granted
- Drive defensively
Personnel Safety

- Crew's safety is part of the driver/operator's responsibility
- Reduce stress and anxiety
- Always wear seat belts
  - Required by law
Prior To Responding

- Do not become victims while en route
- Consult a map for response route and alternatives
- Determine hydrant locations and driveways
Be Noticed And Visible

- Headlights on
- Red warning lights
  - Visible to 1,000 feet
- Sirens
  - Operate through wide spectrum
  - Mechanical/electrical
  - Required as reasonably necessary
  - Air horn is not a legal emergency warning device
You are not considered a responding emergency vehicle if you are not using red lights and siren.
Roadway Operations

- Enter street carefully
- Use department designated response routes
  - Use wider streets
  - Avoid residential streets
Intersections

- Worst location for death/injury
- Use turn signal 100’ before turn
- Scan all directions
- Approach and enter with caution and prepare to stop
- Enter toward center of roadway
- Proceed after it is safe
Intersections

- Green signal light
  - Be alert for stale green signal
  - Enter with caution
  - Watch for vehicles running their red signal
  - Watch for pedestrians
Intersections

- Red signal light
  - ❗️ Stop
  - ❗️ Clear intersection
  - ❗️ Proceed with caution when safe
  - ❗️ Watch for other vehicles and pedestrians
Intersections

- **Stop sign, flashing red light**
  - Stop
  - Proceed only when safe

- **Congested or blocked**
  - Be patient; Wait for traffic to clear
  - Move to opposing lane; Proceed if traffic cannot be cleared
  - Inability to clear intersections
Intersections

- **Right turn procedures**
  - Move to the left lane
  - Clear lane-by-lane
  - Make eye-to-eye contact
  - Proceed through intersection
Intersections

- **Left turn procedures**
  - Move to the lane and stop
  - Proceed when safe
  - Clear lane-by-lane
  - Make eye-to-eye contact
Roadway Operations

- Use left lane or center of roadway
- Freeway driving
  - Entering and exiting
- Apparatus blind spots
- Speed
  - Maintain control of apparatus
  - Excessive speed reason for most response accidents/crashes
Citizens’ Reaction

- Predictable
- Unpredictable
- Warning devices may be blanketed
Responding

- From same location
  - Maintain 300'-500' separation
  - Do not pass

- From other locations
  - Let other units know your location
Traffic Control Devices

- Proper direction selected
- Apparatus responding from opposing direction