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**Limitations of Warning Devices**

***This is a sample of a standard operating guideline (SOG) on this topic. You should review the content, modify as appropriate for your organization, have it reviewed by your leadership team and if appropriate your legal counsel. Once adopted, make sure the SOG is communicated to members, implemented and performance monitored for effective implementation.***

**Purpose:**

To establish a policy on the use and limitations of warning devices.

**Scope:**

All Personnel.

**Procedure:**

It is the responsibility, of emergency vehicle operators to reduce death, injury, and property damage. Consider:

* Rights vs. privilege
  + The difference between a "right" and a "privilege"
  + What responsibility is carried
* Laws, SOGs, standards
  + What is stated in the law
  + Review your SOGs
  + NFPA 1500/ 1002/ 1250
* Types of warning devices
  + Siren
  + Warning lights
  + Other warning devices, such as car horn or air horn
* Pitfalls of relying on warning devices
  + Failure to yield by another driver
  + Why drivers fail to yield
* Define an emergency
* Non-emergency response
* Siren capability
* Statutes controlling emergency vehicle lighting

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**References:**

NVFC "Emergency Vehicle Safe Operations For Volunteer and Small Combination Emergency Service Organizations"