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Emergency Vehicle Officer Responsibilities

Officer Responsibility – The officer-in-charge (OIC) of a fire department vehicle is responsible for supervising the driver and all other assigned members; this includes ensuring that the driver complies with traffic laws, fire department policies, and SOPs.



**Lead by example.
Wear your seatbelt!**

Additional Responsibilities:

- Officer shall ensure that all personnel on the vehicle are seated and secured with seat belts and in approved riding positions prior to movement of the emergency vehicle
- Officer shall ensure driver is operating the vehicle in a safe and prudent manner during response in accordance with departmental policy and state statute
- Officer shall check map book, run cards or computers aided response to assist the driver in determining the safest and most direct route to the incident
- Officer shall operate the audio and visual warning devices
- Officer shall be responsible to operate the radio and communications equipment during response
- Officer shall issue warnings about road and physical hazards to the driver
- Officer shall direct the driver to cease any unsafe driving, such as excess speed or unsafe intersection practices
- Officer shall assist the driver in intersection crossing and backing according to specific responsibilities outlined in the intersection and backing policies