

Kennebunkport Fire Department

SOG 2

APPARATUS USE OF LIGHTS AND SIREN & APPARATUS RESPONSES

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Apparatus making emergency responses will respond with red lights and siren. Under no circumstances is apparatus to respond with only red lights in what has been known as a code 2 response. A code 2 response is not legal in the State of Maine.

Apparatus will obey all SPEED LIMITS AND STOP SIGNS. The use of red lights and siren does not give the driver the right to disobey any traffic laws. Although civilian vehicles are supposed to yield to fire apparatus it is common for them not to do so. In this case the drivers should only continue the use of sirens and red lights in hope of getting the car to yield. If the car continues to operate under the speed limit and does not give right of way, then that vehicle's license number should be called into the dispatch for police action. Drivers under no circumstances make any attempt to pass the vehicle on narrow roads or to endanger the apparatus or the civilian car.

Red lights should be used on apparatus when parked at a fire scene or when parked in a hazardous area or when backing up.