



PURPOSE

When responding to an emergency, Florida law provides that emergency vehicles may exceed the maximum posted speed limit

OBJECTIVE

To establish practices that address the speed of emergency vehicles to increase the ability of the driver/operator to maintain safe control of the vehicle at all times.

SCOPE

All Personnel

SPEED LIMITS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES

The driver shall never exceed a speed that is safe and prudent, based on road and weather conditions and other circumstances, including the design and capabilities of the vehicle. The posted speed limit may be exceeded only when the required warning devices are in use and when weather, traffic, and road conditions are favorable. The posted speed limit shall not be exceeded under any other conditions.

The maximum speed for any ECFR vehicle, under favorable conditions, shall not exceed the posted speed limit by more than ten (10) miles-per-hour.

When conditions are not favorable, the posted speed limit shall not be exceeded and actual speed shall be determined by the conditions. Unfavorable conditions include, but are not limited to, rain, fog, extreme wind, heavy traffic areas, and road construction areas.

The posted advisory speed for a curve shall be considered the maximum allowable speed under all conditions, regardless of response mode.

WATER TENDERS

Due to the heavy and shifting weight characteristics of water tenders, they shall not exceed the maximum posted speed limit at anytime, regardless of the response mode and weather conditions.

SCHOOL ZONES

Drivers shall never exceed the posted speed limit in a school zone when the school zone is active, regardless of the response mode.