

Level of Response

PURPOSE:

To ensure appropriate response of all vehicles in responding to all Fire Department incidents

SCOPE:

All alarms of fire the request for medical aid or rescue will be handled Level 1. When the Incident Commander or Police Officer arriving on scene finds no apparent fire or a patient without apparent life threatening injuries, the response may be downgraded to Level 2.

During all responses, Massachusetts Motor Vehicle laws will be followed. At no time during any response, are emergency vehicles allowed to pass a school bus which has stopped to allow passengers to alight or aboard from the same, and whose red lights are flashing.

Chapter 90 Section 14

Level 1 is lights and sirens and maybe in excess of the applicable speed limit if the driver exercises caution and due regard under the circumstances for the safety of persons and property. The operator may drive such vehicle through an intersection of ways contrary to any traffic signs or signals regulating traffic at such intersections if he first brings such vehicle to a full stop and proceeds with caution and due regard for the safety of persons and property, unless otherwise directed by a police officer regulating traffic at such intersection.

Chapter 89 Section 7B

Level 2 is lights and sirens within the posted speed limit.

Level 3 is no lights or siren.