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RESOLUTION NO. 2010- 01

A RESOLUTION OF FREMONT COUNTY, IDAHO, ADOPTING "STANDARD OPERATING SAFETY PROCEDURES" FOR ALL PERSONNEL, WHO OPERATE FREMONT COUNTY EMS VEHICLES.

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Fremont County, recognizes that safety is of the utmost importance;

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the County of Fremont to enhance safety;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREMONT COUNTY, IDAHO, THAT THE FOLLOWING "STANDARD OPERATING SAFETY PROCEDURES" FOR ALL PERSONNEL WHO OPERATE FREMONT COUNTY EMS VEHICLES IS HEREBY ADOPTED.

EMS personnel who drive emergency vehicles accept a great responsibility. The following Standard Operating Procedures apply to any emergency vehicle, including ATVs, sandrails, and snow machines, being operated by Fremont County EMS personnel.

Driving a Fremont County Emergency Vehicle in no way absolves Fremont County EMS personnel of the obligation to obey all traffic laws. Fremont County EMS personnel should refer to Idaho Code law pertaining to Emergency Medical Service and related systems with special attention to Idaho Code § 49-625.

When Fremont County EMS personnel respond to the EMS building for a call in their private vehicle; are first responding to a scene in a private vehicle; or returning to their home or other location after a call, they will obey all traffic laws, such as wearing seatbelts, speed limits and will use proper defensive driving skills.

Fremont County EMS personnel will drive EMS vehicles at a maximum of 10 mph over the posted speed limit. While in city limits, the amount of traffic should be taken into consideration. A slower speed may be necessary when traveling on an unpaved or crowded roadway, a roadway under construction, or during adverse winter or other weather conditions.

Fremont County EMS personnel must adhere to the following:

1. Wear seatbelts at all time when the emergency vehicle is in motion.
2. Maintain a safe driving attitude, using extreme caution, defensive driving skills and common sense. Having lights and sirens does not mean other motorists or pedestrians hear and see the emergency vehicle.
3. Safe speed should never be traded to gain faster time of arrival.
4. Emergency equipment and personnel must arrive safely in order for EMS personnel to perform their function. Once a patient is on board, it is EMS personnel responsibility to deliver the patient and the ambulance crew safely to the receiving facility.

5. Do not pass on the right. Pass on the left only when safe to do so.
6. Both driver and partner should check each direction for traffic when entering intersections or pulling out into traffic.
7. Most civilians only expect one emergency vehicle. When following another emergency vehicle, maintain a minimum of 300 feet between vehicles.
8. Make a complete stop at uncontrolled intersections, red lights and stop signs. Most accidents occur at intersections. Even if you have a green light, proceed at a reduced speed.
9. The driver should not operate the radio or reach for lights/sirens, or other things while driving if a partner is there to do it, or he/she determines that it can be done safely.
10. Fremont County EMS personnel should know their emergency vehicle and the equipment assigned to it. They should know their personnel limitations, and that of the emergency vehicle.
11. Parking at the scene should be to the best advantage for safety of personnel, in addition to ease of operation. Continuously look for an escape route.
12. EMS personnel on scene at a motor vehicle accident on a roadway or other scene where motorized vehicles are present are required to wear OSHA-approved traffic safety vests when working outside the ambulance.
13. Travel down main thoroughfares when possible. If travel down narrow streets is unavoidable, do it with extreme caution, always be on the alert for children, other pedestrians, and animals that might step into the street or roadway, and watch for vehicle doors being opened, or cars pulling onto the street.
14. Backing is responsible for a large number of accidents, do not back up without a spotter. Back up slowly and look continuously, using extreme caution.
15. When spotted at a scene, or at the hospital, set the parking brake and put the transmission in "Park." Turn the ambulance emergency lights while parked at the scene.
16. Set the fast idle on the ambulance while parked with the engine running.
17. Store nothing under the driver's seat.
18. When transporting patients, check with the EMT in charge of patient care on how to travel to the hospital regarding emergency (lights, siren and speed) versus non-emergency. Lights and sirens should only be used for critical patients/immediate life threats.
19. For non-emergency transport dispatches, use lights and sirens only if to gain access to a roadway or scene and only if the patient becomes medically critical during transport.
20. While returning to quarters or while in operation on non-emergency calls, vehicles will not be driven at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit. All traffic regulations must be strictly followed.
21. Report any mechanical or vehicular malfunctions to the Fremont County EMS unit president or the EMS Director immediately.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect on _____, 2009.

PASSED THIS 2nd DAY OF November, 2009, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREMONT COUNTY, IDAHO.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FREMONT COUNTY, IDAHO

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PAUL ROMRELL, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

Abbie Mace
ABBIE MACE, COUNTY CLERK

