

BLACKWOOD FIRE COMPANY OPERATING GUIDELINE

1.2 INCIDENT RESPONSE - WARNING DEVICES

- 1.2.1 When responding to an incident at emergency speed all warning lights shall be in operation.
- 1.2.2 Audible signals shall be used to warn traffic of approaching apparatus and to signal request for right of way as necessary.
- 1.2.3 Audible signal use shall be minimized while communicating by radio.
- 1.2.4 Audible signal use shall be curtailed upon approach to the incident scene to prevent interference with communications at the scene. Air horns shall not be used when approaching the scene to avoid confusion with an air horn signal to charge a supply line.
- 1.2.5 When an order to "Reduce Speed" is received, the officer shall cancel all audible signals and warning lights.
- 1.2.6 Appropriate warning lights, to include traffic advisors, shall be utilized to warn approaching traffic at an incident scene. During hours of darkness, headlights and Mars lights shall be turned off. The IC, Safety Officer and/or apparatus officer shall determine the appropriate amount of warning lights to be utilized at an incident scene.
- 1.2.7 Apparatus at incident scenes isolated from traffic flow shall not have warning lights operating while parked.
- 1.2.8 When an order to "Recall" is received, refer to OG# 1.2.5.
- 1.2.9 Warning lights shall be utilized as needed to warn approaching traffic whenever the apparatus is backed.