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- ◆ As you approach the incident you may need to use red lights to clear traffic and get through the road blocks. Reduce your speed as you get close to the area. If you go into the opposite lane to move around cars, be cautious of cars getting out of the area that may turn in front of you.
- ◆ When approaching an emergency vehicle scene, do not make the emergency scene worse. You should maintain a safe driving speed, keep your eyes on the road and follow directions from authorized personnel. Be aware that other emergency vehicles may also be approaching the scene.
- ◆ You should not follow an emergency vehicle responding to a call closer than 500 feet.
- ◆ You should not park your vehicle within 300 feet of fire department vehicles in use for firefighting at an emergency scene. Do not block Rescue Ambulances that need to transport victims to the hospital.



◆ Know the Support Utility and its contents. Drivers of the apparatus are often called upon to find EZ-Up canopies, trash bags and other equipment on short notice.



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