



St. Louis County
Rescue Squad

Describe Considerations for Emergency Light & Siren Use

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OBJECTIVE

During a verbal checkout with an evaluator, describe the considerations for Code 3 (red lights and siren) driving. Discuss appropriate speeds and vehicle spacing, how controlled intersections are negotiated, and which traffic laws can be violated, and when. Describe which siren tones are appropriate at which times. Include in your comments the issue of "Code Two-and-a-Half." Finally, describe how lights are used when the vehicle is set up on an emergency scene. *A good method to learn and practice this competency is to "ride shotgun" with more experienced squadmembers on emergency runs.*

PREREQUISITES

None

RESOURCES

None

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Any Rescue Squad member

Minnesota Statutes

<http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/data/revisor/statutes/2004/169/>

<http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/data/revisor/statutes/2004/169A/>

<http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/data/revisor/statutes/2004/>

Class: Minnesota State Patrol Safe Emergency Vehicle Operation (SEVO) Course

AUTHORIZED EVALUATORS

Any Rescue Squad Sergeant or Officer

MAXIMUM RENEWAL TIME

2 Years.

Renewal on this module is not required if squadmember attends St. Louis County Safe Emergency Driving Practical Course every two years.



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Skill Sheet

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Task	Go	No-Go
States that Code 3 driving is the number one cause of death in the Emergency Services		
States the 2-Second Rule is the absolute minimum, and the 4-Second Rule is desirable when following. Describes how following distance is measured		
States that the "Solid Yellow Line" passing rule cannot be violated in any situation		
States that 90 is almost never indicated in emergency driving		
States that Wail and Yelp are the only recognized siren tones. Hi-Lo is not a legal siren.		
States that a siren must always be used in conjunction with red lights. There is no such thing (legally) as "Code Two and a Half."		
Describes maintaining all rearward facing lights when parked at a scene, but extinguishing all headlights unless needed for illumination		
States that under no circumstances are Rescue Squad vehicles to engage in Code 3 "escorts."		

Critical Criteria

Check if Go; Circle if No-Go

- Must acknowledge that passing on a solid yellow is not permitted, even driving Code 3
- Must acknowledge that there is no such thing as "Code Two and a Half." A siren must always accompany red lights.
- States that under no circumstances are we to engage in Code 3 "escorts."

_____ **Go**

_____ **No-Go**

_____ **Evaluator**

(Initial & 7100-number)