





Emergency Vehicles

FACT SHEET

What is an emergency vehicle?

-  Emergency vehicles are used by law enforcement, fire departments and emergency medical services.
-  A fire engine and an ambulance have two red lights on the front and back of the vehicle. Both have a siren.
-  A volunteer fireman, driving a personal vehicle, may have one red light on the vehicle roof.
-  A police vehicle will have an audible signal and may have lights of any color mounted on the vehicle.



The Texas law states:

Sec.545.156 Vehicle Approached by Authorized Emergency Vehicle

(a) on the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle using audible and visual signals or of a police vehicle lawfully using only an audible signal, an operator, unless otherwise directed by a police officer, shall:

- 1) Yield the right of way;
- 2) Immediately drive to a position parallel to and as close as possible to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of an intersection; and
- 3) Stop and remain standing until the authorized vehicle has passed.

