

TRURO FIRE RESCUE

GENERAL ORDERS

G.O. # 104 RESPONDING TO INCIDENTS **EFFECTIVE 11-10-2000** **REVISED 02-12-2006**

1.1. The following are guidelines when responding to, or returning from incidents.

1.2. When responding to an incident in Department apparatus the following will be adhered to at “**ALL**” times.

- 1.2.1. Seat Belts shall be worn at “**ALL**” times when operating Truro Fire Rescue Vehicles.
- 1.2.2. When responding to incidents use extreme caution operating Department vehicles, these vehicles are usually larger than most members are accustomed to and handle quite differently than the vehicles you usually drive.
- 1.2.4. Lights & sirens are only to alert motorists that an emergency vehicle is approaching, they do not give you the right to violate the motor vehicle laws. Speeds in excess of the posted speed limit will not be tolerated, and may result in a citation from the Police Department.
- 1.2.5. Operating in excess of the speed limit when returning to quarters will not be tolerated.
- 1.2.6. Riding on tailboard or any other section of apparatus not enclosed is strictly prohibited.

1.3. Responding in private vehicles to incidents:

- 1.3.1. When responding to incidents in private vehicles, motor vehicle laws must be adhered to at all times. Responders have been observed running stop signs, cutting traffic islands, passing over the double solid yellow line, and speeds in excess. These types of behavior will not be tolerated and will result in a citation from the Police Department.
- 1.3.2. The use of 4-way flashers while responding to an incident is in violation of the motor vehicle law, if you don't have a red light permit, obtain one from the Chief, and obtain some sort of red warning light. (see Chapter 90 Section 7E red light Rules & Regs)