

# Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

## B-15 EMERGENCY RESPONSE LIGHT AND SIREN

- EMS Responsibility:
  - It is the responsibility of the EMS Providers to minimize the risk of emergency vehicle accidents to the public and/or providers by conforming to the motor vehicle laws and regulations of the State that which the vehicle is operated.
- Lights and Siren:
  - Authorized emergency vehicles shall run lights and siren when it is necessary to warn other drivers and pedestrians of the emergency vehicle.
    - System emergency vehicles shall comply with all statutes as specified in the “Illinois Vehicle Code”.
- Transfers:
  - Emergency vehicles responding to a Transferring facility: (no patient on board)
    - Emergency transfer:
      - No lights or siren
        - Exception of Stat Heart transfer (discretion of responding crew)
    - Non-emergency transfer:
      - No lights or siren
  - Emergency vehicles en-route a receiving facility: (patient on board)
    - Shall comply with all statutes of the motor vehicle code as stated above.
- Downgrading Emergency Response/Staging:
  - The first responding unit will report to dispatch or communication center that they have arrived at the scene and able to make physical contact with the patient.
  - Within one (1) minute of the first responding unit’s arrival:
    - All other units en-route to the scene will be notified by that unit and/or the communication center of the first unit’s arrival.
  - All units remaining en-route to the scene should proceed without using emergency lights and siren unless anticipated response time will exceed fifteen (15) minutes.
    - Incident Command may request continued “code” response.
  - Law enforcement agencies may:
    - Request emergency units to slow their response to non-emergency status.
    - Cancel their response.
    - And/or advise that there appears to be no injuries.
    - Emergency units will take into consideration the law enforcement’s request for downgrading.