

# **PULL TO THE RIGHT TO LET EMERGENCY VEHICLES PASS**

**KEEP IN MIND** – You must obey any traffic direction, order, or signal by a traffic/police officer or firefighter. Obey any order in an emergency or special situation, even if it conflicts with signs, signals or laws.

**EVERY SITUATION IS DIFFERENT** – Use your best judgment and drive safely when applying these recommended tips.

**HELP US SAVE LIVES AND PREVENT INJURIES** – Prevent injuries or fatalities to both firefighters and the public. Allow firefighters to get to the emergency in a timely manner.

## ***8 SIMPLE RULES TO YIELD TO AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE***

### **DOs:**

1. Stay calm.
2. Move as far to the right side of the road as possible and stop.
3. If you cannot move to the right, because of another vehicle or obstacle, just stop.
4. Drivers should stay at least 100 metres (300 ft.) behind emergency vehicles using their lights and sirens.

### **DON'Ts:**

5. Don't pull to the left, in the centre lane, or left turn lane.
6. Don't try to beat the green light or turn before the emergency vehicle gets there.
7. Don't drive through a red light or stop sign when an emergency vehicle approaches from behind.
8. Don't disregard the presence of the emergency vehicle by continuing to drive.

### **When you hear a siren or air horn while driving at INTERSECTIONS:**

#### **If you're STOPPED at the intersection:**

- Look to see where the emergency vehicle is approaching.
- If the emergency vehicle is behind you, safely pull to the right.
- If the emergency vehicle is approaching from the front or side streets, remain stopped until they pass.

#### **If you're APPROACHING the intersection:**

- Safely pull to the right.
- Stop before entering the intersection.
- DON'T stop in the middle of the intersection.

**DON'T enter an intersection until it's clear.**

### **When you hear a siren or air horn while driving in CONGESTED AREAS:**

#### **If you DO NOT SEE flashing lights:**

- Slow down.
- Turn your radio volume down.
- Check your mirrors frequently.
- Stay focused and anticipate the emergency vehicle.