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**7.1 General**

- 7.1.1\*** The authority having jurisdiction shall have written procedures governing speed and the limitations to be observed during inclement weather and various road and traffic conditions.
- 7.1.2** At no time shall driving regulations be less restrictive than the New Brunswick ***Motor Vehicle Act***.
- 7.1.3\*** Drivers/operators of fire department vehicles shall bring the vehicle to a complete stop and shall not proceed until it is confirmed that it is safe to do so for any of the following situations:
- (1) Any "stop" signal ( i.e., sign, light, or traffic officer)
  - (2) Blind intersections
  - (3) Intersections where all lanes of traffic cannot be seen by the operator
  - (4) A stopped school bus with flashing warning lights.
- 7.1.4\*** Responding emergency vehicles shall stop at all unguarded railroad crossings to ensure that a safe crossing can be made.
- 7.1.4.1** The driver shall obey all railroad crossing signals even when responding to emergencies.
- 7.1.4.2** Fire apparatus shall not be driven around railroad crossing gates.
- 7.1.5\*** The driver/operator shall maintain a distance in front of the vehicle that is at least equal to the minimum travel distance necessary to stop the vehicle without contacting another object.
- 7.1.6\*** Fire department vehicles and apparatus following each other in queue shall maintain an adequate distance to avoid rear-end collisions.
- 7.1.7\*** Overtaking and passing other vehicles during emergency response shall be accomplished with extreme caution.
- 7.1.8** While en route to move-ups or to fill an empty station, apparatus shall be operated in a non-emergency mode and the driver/operator shall observe all traffic laws.
- 7.1.9\*** The fire department shall identify the types of responses that will be made in non-emergency mode.

**7.2 Emergency Response Considerations**

- 7.2.1** The authority having jurisdiction shall establish emergency response procedures to minimize travel times, optimize response safety, and minimize the chances of emergency vehicles meeting at traffic intersections.
- 7.2.2** When multiple fire service vehicles are responding to an emergency incident from various locations, the vehicle operators shall coordinate their intended response routes to prevent the response vehicles from colliding at road intersections.