

Prevent Collisions and Save Lives: Give Emergency Vehicles the Right of Way

Ignoring emergency vehicle sirens, or not following traffic safety laws when they're around, prevents public safety officers from responding to potentially life-threatening situations. Following these simple rules might just save a life – maybe even your own.



You must yield the right of way to any police car, fire engine, ambulance, or other emergency vehicle using a siren and red lights.

Drive as close to the right edge of the road as possible and stop until the emergency vehicle(s) has passed. However, never stop in an intersection.

If you are in an intersection when you see an emergency vehicle, continue through the intersection and then drive to the right as soon as you can and stop.

It is against the law to follow within 300 feet of any emergency vehicle which is answering an emergency call.

Emergency vehicles often use the wrong side of the street to continue on their way, and sometimes use a loud speaker to talk to drivers blocking their path.

You must obey any traffic direction, order, or signal by a traffic or police officer or a fire fighter even if it conflicts with existing signs, signals, or laws.

If you drive for sight-seeing purposes to the scene of a fire, accident, or other disaster you may be arrested. Casual observers interfere with the essential services of police, fire fighter, ambulance crews, or other rescue or emergency personnel.

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Roll up your sleeves and help shape the future of Elk Grove by participating in the Envision Elk Grove workshop on April 8th. Come share your thoughts about traffic congestion, job growth, preserving our unique character and small-town identity, and infrastructure improvements.

Celebrate Earth Day this year by joining your friends and neighbors on the annual creek clean up on April 22nd check for details in the calendar section of this newsletter. Just in time for Earth Day, there's something new for businesses who haven't yet gotten into the swing of recycling. Get a recycling starter kit from the California Department of Conservation by visiting www.bottlesandcans.com.

Businesses can make a little money from recycling, while helping to leave the planet a little better than we found it.

The Elk Grove Committee for the Arts announces its third annual Call for Artwork. More information is available on the website at www.elkgrovecity.org but hurry, deadline for submission is April 10th.

Breaking through the myths surrounding high density and affordable housing is the topic of an upcoming presentation to the City Council. Paul Zykofsky of the Local Government Commission, a nationally-recognized expert on the subject, will address such issues as traffic, strains on public services and property values.

A supply of affordable housing is important, as it allows people the opportunity to live and work in the same community. In many ways, affordable housing projects reduce traffic congestion and use of services. Zykofsky will make his presentation at the City Council on April 12th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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