

Augusta County Emergency Services Officers Association

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Fire-EMS Standard Operating Guideline

Section:	General
Title:	Request for Silent Approach
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Purpose

To ensure an appropriate response to all requests for a silent approach.

Standard Operating Procedure

The following procedure pertains to Operations Division Personnel. In the event of a request for a silent approach on a fire or EMS response:

1. All personnel shall comply with a State regulations regarding operation of emergency vehicles reference to Code of Virginia 46.2-920.
2. Code of Virginia 46.2-920 mandates the use of a siren any time an apparatus has warning lights in use.
3. If a silent approach is requested by the caller, Fire-Rescue personnel may choose to respond without emergency warning lights or siren. If the dispatch information dictates an emergency response or the OIC feels the silent approach will not allow for adequate service delivery, emergency warning lights and siren may be used in order to prevent such a delay in services. The decision to turn off the emergency warning lights and siren prior to arriving on the scene of the incident, is at the discretion of the OIC/AIC.
4. When responding to an incident, the term “enroute” will be used for a non-emergency response and “responding” will be used for an emergency response.
5. Due regard for responder and public safety will be exercised at all times.