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# Waterloo Vol Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines

## Use of Visual and Audible Warning Devices

- Apparatus headlights and clearance lights shall be on at all times whenever traveling on the roadway or parked on the highway.
- All warning lights shall be on when the apparatus is responding to the scene of an alarm.
- Red lights and sirens will not be used when responding to service calls, stand by calls and other situations covered in the response order.
- Red lights and sirens will not be used at drills.
- Use of the siren shall be restricted to the response to alarms. The use of this device is at the discretion of the officer or driver.
- Use of the air horn shall be at the discretion of the driver. Do not use the air horn near the scene of an ongoing event. It is the evacuation signal.
- The apparatus step lights shall be on whenever the vehicle is parked.
- Upon arrival at the scene, the driver shall turn on the compartment, ground and pump panel lights.
- On those training evolutions where placement of the apparatus is deemed hazardous, all warning lights shall be used to ensure personnel safety.
- Red lights will not be used when returning from alarms. They will be used to back the apparatus into the station.
- Red lights will only be used on mutual aid response when the apparatus is responding directly to the scene unless advised by command not to.
- When responding to an alarm and when the first truck arrives and determines the alarm is false, the officer in charge shall notify all other responding trucks to respond non-emergency or return to the station.
- Red lights will not be used while delivering the apparatus for service or getting fuel.