



OMD Clinical Administrative Policy Driving Policy

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Emergency Response Policy

The OMD response vehicle operator will never exceed a speed that is safe and prudent, based on road and weather conditions and other circumstances, including the design and capabilities of the vehicle. The posted speed limit may be exceeded only when the required warning devices are in use and when weather, traffic, and road conditions are favorable. The posted speed limit shall not be exceeded under any other conditions.

Operating emergency vehicles in opposing traffic lanes is extremely hazardous under all conditions and should only be considered under exceptional circumstances (i.e., if there is no alternate route of travel). During an emergency response the operator of an OMD response vehicle shall follow appropriate rules per Oklahoma Title 47 described below.

Oklahoma Title 47

Section 11-106 - Authorized Emergency Vehicles

A. The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency call or when in the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law or when responding to but not upon returning from a fire alarm, may exercise the privilege set forth in this section, but subject to the conditions herein stated.

B. The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle may:

1. Park, or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter.
2. Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation.
3. Exceed the maximum speed limits so long as speeding does not endanger life or property.
4. Disregard regulations governing direction of movement; and
5. Disregard regulations governing turning in specified directions.

C. The exemptions herein granted to the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle shall apply only when the driver is properly and lawfully making use of an audible signal or of flashing red or blue lights or a combination of flashing red and blue lights meeting the requirements of Section 12-218 of this title, except that an authorized emergency vehicle operated as a police vehicle need not be equipped with or display a red or blue light visible from in front of the vehicle. This subsection shall not be construed as requiring a peace officer operating a police vehicle properly and lawfully in response to a crime in progress to use audible signals.



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D. The provisions of this section shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequences of reckless disregard for the safety of others.

Accident Reporting & Investigation

All OMD response vehicular accidents should be reported to the designated communications center (jurisdiction dependant), OMD Division Chief assigned to oversight of the OMD fleet, and the OMD Chief Medical Officer(s).

The report should include the following:

- OMD ID Number
- Exact accident location
- An indication for need for additional medical assistance (e.g., EMS, Fire, etc.)
- An estimate of the extent and nature of the injuries and vehicle damage
- Indication on whether the vehicle is drivable
- Indication of need for cover assignment if warranted (i.e., OHP EMSU callout, OKTF-1, etc.).

While at the accident scene:

- Initiate appropriate medical care
- Do not discuss the incident with anyone other than OMD/MCB and Law Enforcement representatives.
- Do not move your vehicle unless it is creating a traffic hazard and no injuries.
- If you must move your vehicle, chalk the position of your tires prior to moving.
- Obtain witness names and contact information (at a minimum obtain other involved driver's license number(s)).
- Remain at the scene until the Law Enforcement and OMD representatives have completed their investigation

Accident Reporting & Investigation cont.

Based on the reported information, the Communications Center will:

- Dispatch any needed medical assistance
- Notify the appropriate law Enforcement Agency of the incident
- Notify OMD Officers and the Chief Medical Officer and/or the Chairman of the MCB.



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All OMD response vehicle accidents will be investigated. The process will include the following:

- Fact Finding Review
 - Separate interviews with the OMD vehicle operator, any third riders, accident witnesses
 - Notes recorded at each interview
 - Contact information recorded at each interview
- Notification of any applicable Municipality or State Agencies (e.g., Risk Management, Insurance Adjuster, etc.)
- OMD member(s) involved in the incident should be isolated from the general public, the other parties involved in the incident, and the media.
- Members may be placed on Administrative Leave or directed to take a leave of absence during the initial investigative process.

The investigating officer should attempt to collect the following:

- Photographs/Video of the incident
- Police Report
- Name and badge number of investigating Law Enforcement Officer
- Names and contact information for all parties involved (including witnesses)
- Applicable City/Town/Department Accident Reports/Forms