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## Standard Operating Guidelines

**SOG NO.:** KP-2-0029

**SOG TITLE:** GUIDELINES FOR TRAFFIC PREEMPTION  
SYSTEM & APPRATUS EMITTERS AT  
SELECTED INTERSECTIONS WITHIN THE  
TOWNSHIP

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**Purpose:** To integrate the Upper Merion Township approved policy on Guidelines for Traffic Preemption System and Apparatus Emitters at selected intersections within the Township into the King Of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company Standard Operating Guidelines.

See KP-2-0029A (Upper Merion Township Policy SCE2-106.01) for specifics.

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP  
POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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Department: Safety & Codes Enforcement  
Division: Fire and Rescue Services  
Subject: Guidelines for the use of the Traffic Preemption System and Apparatus Emitters at selected intersections within the township.

I. PURPOSE:

In an effort to make responses by emergency vehicles safer and more timely, the township has committed to installing and maintaining traffic preemption systems at various signalized intersections throughout the township.

II. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Upper Merion Township Fire and Rescue Services Division to utilize the Traffic Preemption System on all dispatched emergency responses and when transporting all emergency class patients to medical facilities.

III. DEFINITIONS:

Fire and Medical emergencies are considered as calls dispatched by an affiliated Emergency Dispatch Center (Montco. E-911, UMPD, Etc.) or an emergency received by a walk in or phone in request.

IV. PROCEDURES:

1. All Fire and EMS units that respond to emergencies, and activating their emergency warning lights and sirens, shall activate the traffic preemption emitter as well.
2. All Fire and EMS units that have received a command order of a "reduce speed", "non-emergency response", "proceed with caution", or a "level III" response, are to extinguish their emergency warning and emitter lights as well as canceling their siren. Units are

then to proceed with the normal flow of traffic.

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3. Emitter units are not permitted to be used during non-emergency functions. (parades, community events, etc.)
4. All qualified apparatus operators must attend one (1) training session on the proper use of preemption.
5. It is to be clearly understood that the use of the preemption system in no way guarantees or grants the right of way to any emergency vehicle during an emergency response.
6. All emitter units must be installed as so when the vehicle transmission is in the park position or when the vehicle air braking system is applied, the emitter is turned off automatically. All emitter units must also have an off/on switch to allow the unit to be turned off when the vehicle is in a parade for example.

7. Emitters may be used in the personal vehicle of a chief level fire officer (Chief, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief), EMS Commander or Fire Police Captain. Installation and use must be compliant with all sections of this policy.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES

Emergency Service Companies;

- shall assure that all officers and members

are familiar with this policy

Emergency Dispatch Services;

- shall replace existing procedure
- shall assure that all dispatch personnel are familiar with this policy

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Police Department;

- shall assure all command staff, officers and Telecommunicators are familiar with this policy

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