



VEHICLE SAFETY PROCEDURES

VEHICLE OPERATION STANDARDS

- **NO ROLLING STOPS** – COME TO A FULL AND COMPLETE STOP EVERY TIME. ACTUALLY LOOK BOTH DIRECTIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING. PRIVATE PROPERTY OR LOW-TRAFFIC AREAS ARE NOT EXCEPTIONS.
- **FOLLOWING DISTANCE** – MAINTAIN A MINIMUM OF 1.5–2.0 SECONDS OF SPACE BETWEEN YOUR VEHICLE AND THE ONE IN FRONT. ALLOW MORE DISTANCE WHEN TRAVELING AT SPEEDS ABOVE 45 MPH.
- **PANIC STOPPING** – EXCESSIVE OR HARSH BRAKING SHOULD NEVER BE NECESSARY WHEN DRIVING SAFELY.
- **HARSH TURNS** – ADJUST SPEED APPROPRIATELY FOR THE DEGREE OF THE TURN AND CURRENT DRIVING CONDITIONS TO AVOID LOSS OF CONTROL.
- **SEATBELTS** – SEATBELTS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION. THIS IS A REQUIREMENT FROM BOTH OUR WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND AUTO INSURANCE CARRIERS.
- NO EXCEPTIONS.
- BUCKLING THE BELT BEHIND YOU IS CONSIDERED A VIOLATION. IF YOU ARE CAUGHT, IT RESULTS IN AN IMMEDIATE WRITE-UP AND MAY LEAD TO SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES.
- **DISTRACTED DRIVING** – NO PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING.
- SERGEANTS AND PATROL OFFICERS NEEDING MAPS MUST USE ANDROID AUTO OR APPLE CARPLAY FOR VOICE-BASED NAVIGATION/TEXTING. BRING A CORD—THIS IS A SAFETY REQUIREMENT WITH ZERO TOLERANCE FROM THE INSURANCE CARRIER.
- **EATING WHILE DRIVING** – DO NOT EAT WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION. IF YOU NEED TO EAT, PULL OVER AND STOP, AND NOTIFY DISPATCH IF TAKING A BRIEF MEAL BREAK.
- **LANE DEPARTURE** – MAINTAIN PROPER LANE DISCIPLINE AT ALL TIMES.
- **SPEED** – OBEY POSTED SPEED LIMITS WITHIN 3–4 MPH. REDUCE SPEED DURING ADVERSE WEATHER (RAIN, SNOW, WIND).
- EMERGENCY CALL ASSISTS ARE THE ONLY EXCEPTION.
- FASTER SPEEDS REDUCE REACTION TIME, BURN MORE FUEL, AND INCREASE THE RISK OF INJURY IN A CRASH.
- **DROWSINESS** – FALLING ASLEEP OR NODDING OFF WHILE DRIVING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
- IF YOU ARE TOO TIRED, PULL OVER SAFELY AND NOTIFY DISPATCH THAT YOU NEED A SHORT BREAK OR TIME TO GET CAFFEINE. (CHEWING GUM MAY HELP.)
- **CAMERA TAMPERING** – ZERO TOLERANCE.
- TWO VIOLATIONS RESULT IN TERMINATION.
- **CHARGING/CONNECTION CORDS** – BRING YOUR OWN CABLE TO CONNECT YOUR PHONE TO THE VEHICLE'S INFOTAINMENT SYSTEM. THIS ENSURES SAFER MAP USAGE WITHOUT LOOKING DOWN AT YOUR PHONE.

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

- DURING WIND, RAIN, SLEET, HAIL, OR OTHER HARSH WEATHER, THESE SAFETY PROCEDURES MUST BE FOLLOWED **EVEN MORE DILIGENTLY**—ESPECIALLY REGARDING:
- TURNING
- BRAKING
- FOLLOWING DISTANCE
- ADVERSE WEATHER SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTS THESE ACTIONS. DRIVING DISTRACTED UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS GREATLY INCREASES THE CHANCES OF AN INCIDENT.

SEVERE WEATHER: TORNADO WARNING

IF YOU ARE IN A COMPANY VEHICLE DURING A **TORNADO WARNING**:

- EXIT THE VEHICLE IMMEDIATELY AND LIE FLAT IN A DITCH.
- HIGH WINDS CAN LIFT BOTH YOU AND THE VEHICLE, CREATING A LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION.

SAMSARA ALERTS

THE SAMSARA SYSTEM DETECTS SEVERAL OF THESE BEHAVIORS AND SENDS ALERTS. SOME ALERTS MAY BE INACCURATE AND WILL BE DISMISSED IF INCORRECT. ACCURATE ALERTS WILL RESULT IN:

- COACHING
- POSSIBLE WRITE-UPS DEPENDING ON FREQUENCY AND SEVERITY

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