# **PULL TO THE RIGHT TO LET EMERGENCY VEHICLES PASS**

**KEEP IN MIND** – You must obey any traffic direction, order, or signal by a traffic/police officer or firefighter. Obey any order in an emergency or special situation, even if it conflicts with signs, signals or laws.

**EVERY SITUATION IS DIFFERENT –** Use your best judgment and drive safely when applying these recommended tips.

**HELP US SAVE LIVES AND PREVENT INJURIES –** Prevent injuries or fatalities to both firefighters and the public. Allow firefighters to get to the emergency in a timely manner.

## 8 SIMPLE RULES TO YIELD TO AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE

#### DOs:

- 1. Stay calm.
- 2. Move as far to the right side of the road as possible and stop.
- 3. If you cannot move to the right, because of another vehicle or obstacle, just stop.
- **4.** Drivers should stay at least 100 metres (300 ft.) behind emergency vehicles using their lights and sirens.

#### DON'Ts:

- **5.** Don't pull to the left, in the centre lane, or left turn lane.
- **6.** Don't try to beat the green light or turn before the emergency vehicle gets there.
- 7. Don't drive through a red light or stop sign when an emergency vehicle approaches from behind.
- 8. Don't disregard the presence of the emergency vehicle by continuing to drive.

### When you hear a siren or air horn while driving at INTERSECTIONS:

#### If you're **STOPPED** at the intersection:

- Look to see where the emergency vehicle is approaching.
- If the emergency vehicle is behind you, safely pull to the right.
- If the emergency vehicle is approaching from the front or side streets, remain stopped until they pass.

### If you're **APPROACHING** the intersection:

- Safely pull to the right.
- Stop before entering the intersection.
- DON'T stop in the middle of the intersection.

**DON'T** enter an intersection until it's clear.

When you hear a siren or air horn while driving in CONGESTED AREAS:

#### If you **DO NOT SEE** flashing lights:

- Slow down.
- Turn your radio volume down.
- Check your mirrors frequently.
- Stay focused and anticipate the emergency vehicle.