

YIELD

to emergency vehicles, construction workers and funeral processions.



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Scott's Law

Scott's Law was passed in 2002 in honor of Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department, who was struck and killed by a drunk driver while assisting at a crash on a busy Chicago expressway. Scott's Law states:

- When approaching a stationary emergency vehicle using visual signals, yield, change to a lane away from the emergency vehicle, and proceed with caution. If a lane change is not possible, reduce speed and proceed with caution.

Construction Zones

- When approaching or entering a highway construction or maintenance area, slow down, yield to any authorized vehicles or workers in the area, change to a lane away from the workers, and proceed with caution. If a lane change is not possible, reduce speed and proceed with caution.

Penalties for Offenses

- Fines up to \$10,000.
- 90-day to two-year driver's license suspension.

Emergency Vehicles

- When being approached by an emergency vehicle using audible and visual signals, immediately pull to the right side of the road and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. If stopped at an intersection with two-way traffic, remain stopped until the emergency vehicle passes.

Funeral Processions

Motorists encountering a funeral procession must:

- Yield the right-of-way to all vehicles in the procession.
- Not drive between vehicles in an organized funeral procession, except when required to do so by a law enforcement officer.
- Not join a funeral procession for the purpose of securing the right-of-way.
- Not attempt to pass any vehicle in an organized funeral procession, except where a passing lane has been specifically provided.

“Emergency personnel, construction workers and motorists in funeral processions deserve our utmost respect and consideration on the road. We need to be responsible, law-abiding motorists and yield the right-of-way to all emergency vehicles, slow down in construction zones and use good judgment and respect when encountering funeral processions. Be a cautious and considerate driver and observe all traffic safety laws when sharing the road with others.”

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