



# FIELD ORDERS

Chapter

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT and ENFORCEMENT**

Subject

**General Legal Authority and Restrictions**

- A. ARS [28-624](#)/Authorized Emergency Vehicles, provides a police officer responding to an emergency or when in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of law may take the following actions provided that, while undertaking them, emergency lights and siren are being operated, unless otherwise prohibited:
1. Park or stand irrespective of the provisions of ARS [Title 28](#), Chapter 6.
  2. Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after stopping or slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation.
  3. Exceed prima facie speed limits so long as life or property is not endangered.
  4. Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specific directions.
- B. These privileges provided by the law in these limited situations do not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor do these provisions protect the driver from the consequences of reckless disregard for the safety of others.
- C. The drivers of authorized emergency vehicles are required to obey all applicable traffic laws unless operating in compliance with ARS [28-624](#)/Authorized Emergency Vehicles, or when exceeding the posted speed limit to pace a vehicle when it can be done safely.

