

From the Leduc Rural Crime Watch - Passing emergency vehicles

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When vehicles pass emergency personnel stopped on the roadway it carries a lot of risk for everyone involved. Collisions have occurred, with tragic consequences. Driver fatigue, impaired driving, and distracted driving increases the risk. Speed compounds it even further.

To help ensure the safety of motorists as well as police, fire, EMS, and tow truck operators, Alberta enacted legislation that requires vehicles to slow when passing emergency vehicles.

The legislation states that a vehicle must slow to 60km/h when travelling in the lane immediately next to the emergency vehicle. Where possible, it is recommended to move over to provide more room.

Fines for speeding past an emergency vehicle are doubled.

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