



Terryville Fire Department
Chiefs Directive

Subject
Signal 4 Response

Effective
2/11/2023

All members and employees are advised of the following directive:

When a Signal 4 has been transmitted, any unit that has not already left the station and responding, shall remain in quarters. Additionally, units that are already on the road, shall discontinue the use of lights and sirens as soon as practical. Emergency lights may be turned back on upon arriving at the scene if needed for traffic or safety reasons.

For mutual aid response, when the request is to standby at another department's station, apparatus shall respond Signal 4.

Background: The NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law authorizes lights and sirens for the purpose of *emergency operation*. Once a Signal 4 has been transmitted, the call has been deemed under control and therefore, a *true emergency* no longer exists.

This directive will be incorporated into a new Best Practice in the near future.

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