

East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District

	SOP 603 Traffic Signal Preemption	
Implementation Date: 11/2000	Revision Date(s): 05/2003	Reviewed Date(s):
Forms or Attachments: None		

PURPOSE: To ensure a consistent policy for the use of traffic signal preemption devices; to provide a safer response for our highways motorists, pedestrians and our members; and to provide for a reduction in response times.

DISCUSSION: Traffic signal preemption is designed to provide an emergency vehicle, while responding to an incident, the ability to preempt a traffic signal in order to have the “Green” light in the direction of the responding vehicle. For our department’s purpose the signal will preempt to green in the direction of travel, to include all turning lanes if applicable and to red in all other directions.

The following is a list of department vehicles that will be provided with the preemption emitters. This list may be modified in the future as the need arises.

Engine 56 Squad 57 Engine 58

PROCEDURE: The following are the instances where traffic preemption devices are to be used or not used.

- A. Preemption will always be used when responding to emergency incidents while responding with lights and siren.
- B. Preemption will be used for responding to incidents without lights and sirens such as Alpha medical incidents and automatic fire alarms at the discretion of the Lieutenant.
- C. Preemption WILL NOT be used at any time when not assigned to an incident. This includes following to any medical facility for paramedic pick-up after an incident.

- D. Preemption WILL NOT be used for station move-ups unless dispatched as an emergency move-up.

SPECIAL NOTES:

- A. Any problems noted with the signal or preemption process will be reported to the district chief then the fire chief upon completion of the incident.
- B. If the signal preemption appears to be out of service, The district chief should also notify Pinellas county Signal Shop at 727-464-8909. As soon as possible notification should be made to other stations as necessary.
- C. Problems with vehicle emitters will be reported to East Lake 900.