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Legislation Reference:	Public Security Peace Officer Program; Peace Officer Act.
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Purpose:	<p>To allow the Peace Officer the ability to respond to certain emergency situations outline in this policy utilizing emergency vehicle lights and sirens.</p> <p>It is recognized that there are situations where the Peace Officer can be of assistance to the public as well as Police, Fire and Ambulance and this assistance should be rendered in a priority fashion necessitating the use of emergency equipment.</p>
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:

1. STATEMENT

- 1.1 Only peace officers who have successfully completed a forty- hour (40) Emergency Vehicle Operations Course based on a police curriculum may apply to the Director for emergency response authority.
- 1.2 The pursuit course elements of EVOC training are in no manner intended to suggest that peace officers are legally permitted or sufficiently trained to engage in pursuits. All pursuit training provided to peace officers are treated as skill development related to the handling of a motor vehicle only.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Chief Administrative Officer means the Chief Administrative Officer employed as such by the Smoky Lake County.
- 2.2 Director of Law Enforcement means the Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security has overall authority for the Public Security Peace Officer Programs, as provided in the *Peace Officer Act*. The program is administered by the Public Security Division under the Assistant Deputy Minister/Director of Law Enforcement (hereinafter, referred to as the Director of Law Enforcement).
- 2.3 Council means the Council of Smoky Lake County.
- 2.4 Peace Officer Act 2006 as may be amended from time to time, The Act, Regulations and Policy apply to Alberta police services utilizing peace officers appointed through the *Peace Officer Act*.
- 2.5 Peace Officer (Ministerial) regulations as may be amended.

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3. OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE:	
3.1	Peace officers may only engage in emergency response duties if they have applied to the Director and had their peace officer appointment amended to include this authority.
3.2	Situations in which an emergency response is allowed are restricted to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Injury collisions. ■ Providing backup to police or peace officers where there is a reasonable belief that the officer is in serious danger and the peace officer may be the closest assistance available. ■ Attending a fire or medical situation at the request of the Fire or EMS department. (It must not become standard practice to provide a co-response to all fire or medical situations). ■ Any emergent situation if requested by a police service to attend in an emergency response capacity.
3.3	All situations will be evaluated by the peace officer to assess if the services they can provide on-scene outweigh the risk created to the public and peace officer by traveling in an emergency response capacity. Public Safety is the primary consideration in all emergency response situations.
3.4	Emergency Vehicle Response will <u>not</u> be conducted for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.4.1 Non-injury motor vehicle collisions. 3.4.2 Providing backup to police or peace officers where there is a police officer closer and already responding to the situation, unless requested by that police service to attend. 3.4.3 Any other non-urgent situations.
3.5	All motor vehicle collisions resulting from emergency vehicle responses are to be reported to the Director of Law Enforcement as a sensitive/serious occurrence on the approved form – J3535 (2007/10).

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