PURPOSE: Develop a usage policy for traffic signals equipped with Mobile Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Preemption equipment within the Town of North Kingstown and area communities.

Mobile Emergency Vehicle Traffic Preemption - when available - shall be utilized to minimize response times while simultaneously enhancing firefighter and civilian safety by reducing the risk of motor vehicle accidents involving fire apparatus responding to emergencies at equipped traffic signals.

POLICY: It shall be the policy of the North Kingstown Fire Department to use DUE REGARD when responding to all calls for service. This includes both emergency and non-emergency apparatus response.

USAGE: Mobile Emergency Vehicle Traffic Preemption shall only be activated/utilized when responding to emergency calls.

- The North Kingstown Fire Department policy shall be to prohibit the use of Mobile Emergency Vehicle Traffic Preemption devices:
    - For non-emergent responses absent extenuating circumstances
    - For everyday/ordinary travel

In the event a company officer authorizes the use of and utilizes emergency vehicle traffic preemption on non-emergent calls (i.e. lock-outs, CO alarms, etc.) the officer shall make a notation within the NFIRS report indicating the use of preemption and the reason for its use.

DEFINITIONS:

Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Preemption: Process of allowing emergency vehicles to manipulate traffic signals in their path, halting conflicting traffic and allowing the emergency vehicle the right-of-way.

Example of GPS Based Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Preemption Systems