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## **Use of Red Lights and Sirens (RLS)**

It is the position of the Governor's Emergency Medical Services Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) that the decision to operate with red lights and sirens should be regarded as a medical intervention. The use of red lights and sirens (RLS) occurs in over 85% of emergency responses and approximately 40% of patient transports from the scene; however, studies show that potentially lifesaving interventions are performed in only 7% of these cases.

GETAC recognizes that the use of RLS is associated with an increased frequency and severity of ambulance crashes; therefore, its position is that the decision to operate with RLS should be regarded as a **medical intervention**, employed only when the anticipated clinical benefits outweigh the known risks. This determination should be made in collaboration with the medical director and guided by established clinical criteria.

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