



City of Oshkosh
Police and Fire Department



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Subject: New traffic signs by OFD Station #15

OSHKOSH, WI (August 25, 2025): The City of Oshkosh has recently installed flashing traffic signs on Ceape Avenue near OFD Station #15 as a reminder that drivers need to stop and yield to fire trucks that are backing into the firehouse. The signs were installed at this station due to the close proximity of the entrance of the fire truck bays and the roadway.

Firefighters usually exit the fire truck to ensure that the truck is safely backed into the station. It is crucial for drivers to remain clear of the area until the trucks have completely exited the roadway. Vehicles should not attempt to pass near the front or back of the truck prematurely.

The driver and firefighters are focused on the blind spots of the truck, not on vehicles that may mistakenly believe that there is a safe gap between the moving vehicle and the curb. Following the signs and stopping for the fire truck is essential in maintaining the safety of our firefighters- ensuring they remain ready to respond to the next emergency situation in the city.

Drivers who choose not to stop for fire trucks while they are driving backwards into the Fire Station- may receive a citation. There are several cameras stationed around the fire department to monitor the security of the area. Officers from the Oshkosh Police Department will have an extra presence in this area as well.

WISCONSIN STATUTE 346.455 Vehicles to stop at fire station:

- (1) The operator of a motor vehicle approaching an authorized emergency vehicle shall stop not less than 30 feet from that vehicle and shall remain stopped, if all of the following apply:

 - (a) The authorized emergency vehicle is about to be or is being driven backwards into a driveway entrance to a fire station.
 - (b) The authorized emergency vehicle is giving visual signal by means of at least one flashing, oscillating or rotating red light or by a member of the fire department or fire patrol standing on the roadway in a position that is visible to approaching traffic and directing traffic to stop.
- 2) The operator of a motor vehicle required to stop under sub. (1) shall remain stopped until a member of the fire department or fire patrol directs the operator to proceed or until the visual signal under sub. (1) (b) is terminated and all members of the fire department or fire patrol have left the roadway.

Failure to obey this statute may result in a \$326.50 citation. Thank you for protecting our firefighters so that they can continue to keep our city safe.