

Sec. 27-5. - Permission of police required prior to sending ambulance on emergency call; manner of operation on calls.

(a)

It shall be the duty of any person operating an ambulance, upon receiving an emergency call, to first report such call to the desk at the police headquarters in the city and obtain the verbal permission of such desk sergeant before sending, permitting or driving any ambulance to answer such emergency call. It shall be the duty of the desk sergeant at police headquarters, upon receiving a request for permission to send or drive any ambulance to answer an emergency call, to immediately give permission therefor, unless an ambulance has already been permitted to go to the scene of the same accident or emergency, in which case the desk sergeant shall refuse permission for another ambulance to answer such call unless he is convinced that more than one ambulance is necessary to properly take care of the emergency.

(b)

It shall be unlawful for any person to send, drive, permit or allow any ambulance to answer an emergency call without first obtaining permission from the desk sergeant as provided in this section.

(c)

It shall be unlawful for any person driving an ambulance on an emergency call within the city limits to exceed a speed of 40 miles per hour. Such person must, at all street intersections, have such ambulance under absolute control.

(d)

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$200.00 or sentenced to hard labor for the city not exceeding six months, one or both at the discretion of the municipal judge trying the case.