Virginia law requires that the driver of every vehicle shall immediately move as close as possible and parallel to the nearest edge of the road, clear of any intersection, and stop whenever an emergency vehicle with warning lights and siren operating is approaching. The driver shall remain stopped until the emergency vehicle has passed and no other emergency equipment is in sight.

Frequently, drivers do not check rear view mirrors often enough, and it is difficult to hear an approaching siren with windows up and the radio turned on. It is important to check your side and rear view mirrors every 10 seconds and always be alert to the possible presence of emergency vehicles around you.

Remember, if you were in need of emergency help you wouldn’t want thoughtless drivers delaying those enroute to help you!