



Memorandum

DATE: May 30, 2012
TO: Menasha Common Council
FROM: Mark Radtke, Director of Public Works
RE: Emergency Vehicle Policy at Lift Bridges

Alderman Langdon requested our policy related to operation of the lift bridges during emergency vehicle routing over the river or canal. United States Coast Guard regulations provide priority to watercraft relative to lift bridge operation, but discretion on the part of the bridge tenders is allowed.

If there is a situation involving the routing of an emergency vehicle across one of the lift bridges, the bridge tenders are instructed to not have both bridges up at one time. Emergency vehicles have the lift bridge phone numbers and our tenders are notified if they are on a run that will require a bridge crossing. When that occurs, the bridge tender will then delay openings, if possible, until they cross.

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