

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

1998

Virginia Statistics

In 1998, 239 emergency vehicles were involved in motor vehicle crashes.

Sixty-five vehicles were involved in crashes on interstate roads. Of those sixty-five vehicles, 43% were emergency vehicles. (*VDOT*)

Of the 122 vehicles involved in crashes on primary roads, 50% were emergency vehicles. (*VDOT*)

Emergency vehicles were involved in crashes on local roads more than any other type of road. (*VDOT*)

National Statistics

Experts say 15,000 emergency vehicles get involved in crashes every year while responding to emergency calls. (*CBS News*)

Seventy-five percent of those crashes are caused by drivers who refuse to get out of the way. (*CBS News*)

If drivers do pull over, many take their time about it. A sluggish driver reluctant to pull to the side can also slow down emergency vehicle travel. The result is precious minutes lost – minutes that could be saving lives. (*CBS News*)