

During the fire call at Ultimate Systems Thursday evening, I saw some pretty scary behavior.

You know the old saying, "If you're not part of the solution, you are part of the problem." Well, I saw a whole lot of people causing a problem for those trying to provide a solution.

It is the law that vehicles are to pull over and stop so emergency personnel can get where they need to be. I couldn't believe the number of cars, trucks, mopeds and golf carts rushing to see what was going on as emergency personnel tried to get to the factory so they could take care of the problem. Pedestrians were also getting in the way and slowing responders down.

I understand we've all got spring fever and need some relief but people, this is not the way to spice up your evening.

The most disturbing thing I saw was people pushing strollers while walking on THE ROAD, with a perfectly good sidewalk steps away. Volunteer firefighters had to slow down and some even had to stop while oncoming traffic passed instead of pulling over and stopping. The people with the strollers frightened me the most. If they got hit, their kids were going to get hit as well. I was dumbfounded by the lack of respect for those trying to do their job, the law in general as well as for their own and their children's personal safety.

I don't know who you were because it was dark but you know who you are. Please make better choices and show more respect for the men and women who risk their lives to save others and their property. How would you feel if in the seconds they had to waste to get around you, someone had died or was seriously injured? Minutes and, yes, seconds count in these situations.

I hope you don't mind that if your house catches on fire, I drive slowly in front of the fire trucks so they are delayed in getting there. I wouldn't do that but I'm just sayin'. The safety and well-being of others has to be more important than satisfying your curiosity.

When you are out and about driving and hear sirens, pay attention. When you see an emergency vehicle behind you, pull over and stop.

Get out of the way!

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I'm betting what they are taking care of is a little more pressing than what you are doing.

To you ambulance, patrol-car and fire-truck chasers — GET OUT OF THE WAY!