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Driverless Vehicles need Steering Wheels for Emergencies

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GM has requested a waiver from NHTSA and the FMCSA to get rid of steering wheels, brake and gas pedals. Lets say that a sizable percentage of the vehicle population, cars, trucks, buses etc, are at a L5 and have no driver controls. What happens when there are emergencies? From a small to very broad scale, especially if these systems fail. From AV system failures leaving them immobile in a lane to national emergencies. 6.8M people fled Hurricane Irma. How does that happen if these systems are autonomous? (Not to mention how is it they would function doing so with detailed mapping changes in real-time and no V2X with mass power outages?) Finally, if this were to be approved, it should be done so AFTER these systems are proven to be a legitimate L5 not a L2/3 in development and testing to be a L5.