

CHAPTER 24

EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES
AND OTHER SPECIFIED VEHICLES

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SUBCHAPTER 1. DEFINITIONS

13:24-1.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

“Authorized emergency vehicle” means a vehicle of the fire department, police vehicles and such ambulances and

other vehicles as are approved by the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Transportation, when operated in response to an emergency call. Any vehicle that is licensed as an ambulance by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:40 or as a mobile intensive care unit in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:41 and any ambulance of a volunteer first aid, rescue or ambulance squad that has been certified as qualified for emergency medical service programs in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:5F-27, shall be considered approved as an authorized emergency vehicle for purposes of N.J.S.A. 39:1-1 and this chapter when operated in response to an emergency. Any vehicle of the State Office of Emergency Management or of a county or municipal Office of Emergency Management that bears governmental registration shall be considered approved as an authorized emergency vehicle for purposes of N.J.S.A. 39:1-1 and this chapter when operated in response to an emergency. Any vehicle bearing governmental registration, when being operated by a county medical examiner or his or her deputy, assistant, or investigator to travel to the scene of a death in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:17B-87, shall be considered approved as an authorized emergency vehicle for purposes of N.J.S.A. 39:1-1 and this chapter. Any vehicle bearing governmental registration, when being operated by a "fire official" as defined in N.J.A.C. 5:71-1.4 to travel to the scene of a fire or explosion in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:71-3.3(a)25, shall be considered approved as an authorized emergency vehicle for purposes of N.J.S.A. 39:1-1 and this chapter.

"Director" means the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Transportation in the State of New Jersey.

"Division" means the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Transportation in the State of New Jersey.

"Flashing light" means a lamp with an intermittent or revolving action.

"Service vehicle" means any vehicle bearing commercial registration that is used to perform some type of maintenance, inspection, or repair function within the confines of public highways or any vehicle used to transport or escort overdimensional loads on public highways.

"Wrecker" means any vehicle bearing commercial registration designed and used to tow other vehicles with at least two wheels of the towed vehicle off the ground and includes flatbed trucks designed and used to retrieve and transport other vehicles on a flat bed.

Amended by R.1989 d.542, effective October 16, 1989.
See: 21 N.J.R. 2460(a), 21 N.J.R. 3299(c).

Added language to definition "Authorized emergency vehicle".
Added new definitions: "Director"; "Service vehicle"; and "Wrecker".

Amended by R.1991 d.205, effective April 15, 1991.
See: 22 N.J.R. 902(a), 23 N.J.R. 1197(a).

Added language to definition "authorized emergency vehicle" to include any vehicle bearing governmental registration, operated by a county medical examiner or his or her deputy or assistant to travel to the scene of a death in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:17B-87.
Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Rewrote the section.

SUBCHAPTER 2. RED EMERGENCY LIGHTS; SIRENS

13:24-2.1 Red lights on vehicles

(a) No vehicle equipped with a red light, when such light is visible from directly in front of the vehicle, may be used on any street or highway, with the following exceptions:

1. An authorized emergency vehicle;
2. An authorized school bus;
3. A frozen dessert truck as defined in N.J.S.A. 39:4-128.3;
4. An omnibus equipped in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:3-54(b); or
5. A vehicle authorized by a permit issued by the Director.

(b) A red light permit is not required for those vehicles set forth in (a)1 to 4 above.

13:24-2.2 Flashing lights on vehicles

(a) No vehicle shall be equipped with and no person shall use upon any vehicle any flashing lights except as a means for indicating right or left turns or for the purpose of warning of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard; provided, however, that a vehicle may be equipped with flashing lights of a type approved by the Director if it falls into one of the categories of vehicles set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.1(a)1 to 5 or as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(b) An authorized emergency vehicle as defined in N.J.S.A. 39:1-1 and this subchapter may be equipped with flashing red lights. A permit is not required for such red lights.

(c) A red light permit is not required for a school bus which is equipped with flashing red lights.

(d) A frozen dessert truck as defined in N.J.S.A. 39:4-128.3 shall be equipped with flashing red lights in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-128.5, and such lights must be used in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-128.6. A permit is not required for such red lights.

(e) An omnibus as defined in N.J.S.A. 39:1-1 may be equipped with flashing red lights in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:3-54(b) to be used for the purpose set forth in that subsection. A permit is not required for such red lights.

(f) An ambulance or mobile intensive care unit that qualifies as an authorized emergency vehicle pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-1.1 may be equipped with flashing emergency warning lights that comply with the version of Federal Specification KKK-A-1822 which was current at the time the vehicle was manufactured for use as an emergency vehicle. A permit is not required for such flashing emergency warning lights. Copies of the above Federal Specification, which is approved by the Commissioner, Federal Supply Service, United States General Services Administration, may be obtained from the following:

General Services Administration
Federal Supply Service Bureau
Specifications Section, Suite 8100
470 East L'Enfant Plaza, S.W.
Washington, DC 20407

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).
Added (f).

13:24-2.3 Siren, whistle or bell on vehicles

(a) No vehicle shall be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon a vehicle, any siren, whistle or bell with the following exceptions:

1. An authorized emergency vehicle may be equipped with a siren, whistle or bell to be utilized when such vehicle is operated in response to a fire or emergency call. Police vehicles may also use a siren, whistle or bell in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law. Vehicles bearing governmental registration, when being operated by a county medical examiner or his or her deputy, assistant, or investigator to travel to the scene of a death in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:17B-87, may use a siren during such time of operation. Vehicles bearing governmental registration, when being operated by a fire official as defined in N.J.A.C. 5:71-1.4 to travel to the scene of a fire or explosion in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:71-3.3(a)25, may use a siren during such time of operation. A permit is not required for an authorized emergency vehicle equipped with a siren, whistle or bell.

2. A vehicle authorized by a permit issued by the Director may be equipped with a siren to be utilized for answering a fire or emergency call.

3. A theft alarm signal device which is installed so that it cannot be used by the driver as an ordinary warning signal may be installed on any vehicle in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:3-69.

Amended by R.1991 d.205, effective April 15, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 902(a), 23 N.J.R. 1197(a).

Added language to (a)1 to include vehicles bearing governmental registration, operated by a county medical examiner or his or her deputy or assistant to travel to the scene of a death in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:17B-87.

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

In (a)1, inserted a reference to investigators in the third sentence, and inserted a new fourth sentence.

13:24-2.4 Permit eligibility

(a) Applicants for permits authorizing the use of red emergency lights and sirens pursuant to this subchapter shall be considered eligible only if the vehicle intended to display the red lights and sirens is:

1. Owned by and registered in the name of an active chief of a volunteer fire company or the first assistant chief of a volunteer fire company; provided, that no more than two permits will be issued to any one volunteer fire company;

2. Operated by a chief of police of a municipality or the first assistant to the chief of police of a municipality, if such municipality does not provide that person with a vehicle for police purposes, provided that no more than two permits will be issued to any police department meeting these conditions, and provided further that applicants are full time police officials;

3. Operated by a captain or the principal assistant of a volunteer first aid or rescue squad, provided, that no more than two permits will be issued to any one volunteer first aid or rescue squad;

4. Owned or leased by an organization engaged in the manufacture and/or sale of emergency vehicles or equipment and operated by an employee thereof only for the purpose of demonstration or delivery;

5. Owned or leased by those Emergency Management personnel set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:24-3.1 or 3.2;

6. Owned or leased by those search and rescue team personnel set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:24-3.3; or

7. Operated by a county medical examiner or his or her deputy, assistant, or investigator, if such county does not provide that person with a vehicle for use in connection with his or her official duties.

(b) Except as may otherwise be provided by rule, no applicants other than those set forth in (a) above shall be eligible for red emergency light and siren permits pursuant to this subchapter.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.5 and amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Rewrote (a); and in (b), substituted a reference to red emergency lights for a reference to red lights. Former N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.4, Permit applications, recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.5.

13:24-2.5 Permit application procedure

(a) Except as otherwise provided in (b), (c) and (d) below, requests for permits authorizing the use of red emergency lights and sirens pursuant to this subchapter shall be made to the Division by the mayor or chief executive officer in the municipality in which the applicant's service is being provided.

(b) An organization engaged in the manufacture and/or sale of emergency vehicles or equipment that is eligible for a permit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.4(a)4 shall make application directly to the Division.

(c) Emergency Management personnel who are eligible for a permit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.4(a)5 and search and rescue team personnel who are eligible for a permit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.4(a)6 shall apply for such permits in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:24-3.

(d) Requests for permits for a county medical examiner or his or her deputy, assistant, or investigator who is eligible for a permit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.4(a)7 are to be made to the Division by the director of the board of chosen freeholders or other appropriate authority for that county.

(e) Applications for permits authorizing the use of red emergency lights and sirens pursuant to this subchapter may be obtained from, and completed applications must be submitted to, the Division.

(f) A permit issued by the Division pursuant to this subchapter will be forwarded to the applicant via the official who made the request.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.4 and amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Rewrote the section. Former N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.5, Eligibility for permit, recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.4.

13:24-2.6 Possession and exhibition of permit

A permit issued pursuant to this subchapter must be in the possession of the operator at all times when the red emergency lights and sirens are displayed on the vehicle, and must be exhibited upon the request of any law enforcement official or authorized representative of the Division.

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Substituted a reference to red emergency lights for a reference to red lights, and added a reference to authorized representatives of the Division.

13:24-2.7 Permit cancellation or revocation

(a) Permits issued pursuant to this subchapter shall remain valid for a period of two years, unless cancelled or revoked, and shall be nontransferable.

(b) Permits issued pursuant to this subchapter shall automatically and immediately be deemed cancelled upon expiration or termination, for any reason, of the term of office or contract which entitled the holder to a permit.

(c) The Director may revoke a permit issued pursuant to this subchapter for the following reasons, or for any other reasonable grounds:

1. A violation of any of the conditions applying to such permit as set forth in this subchapter; or

2. Upon the conviction of any violation of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, including any rules or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, involving the use of the red emergency lights or sirens by the operator of the vehicle.

(d) Cancelled or revoked permits for red emergency lights and sirens shall be surrendered to the Division by the permit holder within 10 days of the cancellation or revocation.

(e) A permit holder may object to cancellation or revocation by requesting a hearing. A request for a hearing shall be in writing and shall be received by the Director within 10 days of the notice of cancellation or revocation. A request for hearing shall state all the reasons for the permit holder's objection to cancellation or revocation. The Director shall determine whether to grant a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq.

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Rewrote the section.

13:24-2.8 Red light mounting and use requirements

(a) There is no limit as to the number of red emergency lights which may be mounted on an authorized emergency vehicle. Red emergency lights mounted on the interior front dashboard of such a vehicle shall be shielded from the driver's vision to prevent glare. The shield shall extend from the light housing to within one-quarter inch of the windshield on all sides. Red emergency lights shall not be used on such a vehicle in place of the vehicle's regular headlights.

(b) Any authorized emergency vehicle that displays red emergency lights may be equipped with interior trunk-mounted flashing red emergency lights.

(c) Red lights placed on a vehicle owned by and registered in the name of an active chief of a volunteer fire company or the first assistant chief of a volunteer fire company pursuant to a permit issued by the Director in accordance with this subchapter shall be mounted only on the exterior of the vehicle and shall consist of not more than two magnetic base type removable lights.

1. If one red light is used on such a vehicle, it shall be mounted on:

- i. The center of the roof of the vehicle; or
- ii. The left windshield column.

2. If two red lights are used on such a vehicle, they shall be mounted on:

- i. Either side of the roof at the front of the vehicle directly behind the top of the windshield; or
- ii. Each windshield column.

(d) There is no limit as to the number of red emergency lights which may be mounted on a vehicle owned or leased by an organization engaged in the manufacture and/or sale of emergency vehicles or equipment for which a permit has been issued by the Director pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.4(a)4 permitting the display of such lights when the vehicle is being operated by an organization employee only for the purpose of demonstration or delivery, provided, that no red emergency lights shall be mounted on the vehicle's interior front dashboard except as set forth in (a) above. Such demonstration shall not be on a public highway.

(e) Except for those vehicles specified in (d) above, vehicles equipped with red emergency lights pursuant to a permit issued in accordance with this subchapter shall not display alternately flashing or strobe headlights, and red emergency lights shall not be mounted on the interior front dashboard of such vehicles.

(f) Red emergency lights displayed on a vehicle pursuant to a permit issued in accordance with this subchapter shall not be used in place of the vehicle's regular headlights.

(g) Vehicles operated by those Emergency Management personnel set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:24-3.1 or 3.2 or by those search and rescue team personnel set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:24-3.3 shall comply with the red emergency light mounting and use requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:24-3.

(h) Red emergency lights shall only be used when the vehicle is being operated in response to a fire or emergency call except as follows:

1. Red lights mounted on a vehicle owned or leased by an organization engaged in the manufacture and/or sale of emergency vehicles or equipment for which a permit has been issued by the Director pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.4(a)4 may be used only when such vehicle is being operated by an organization employee for the purpose of demonstration or delivery.
2. Police vehicles may use red emergency lights in the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law.
3. Fire department vehicles may use red emergency lights while returning from an emergency call.
4. Ambulances and mobile intensive care units that qualify as authorized emergency vehicles pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-1.1 may use red emergency lights when transporting a person to a hospital on an emergency basis.

5. Vehicles being operated by a county medical examiner or his or her deputy, assistant, or investigator to travel to the scene of a death in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:17B-87 may use red emergency lights during such time of operation.

6. Vehicles bearing governmental registration, when being operated by a fire official as defined in N.J.A.C. 5:71-1.4 to travel to the scene of a fire or explosion in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:71-3.3(a)25, may use red emergency lights during such time of operation.

Amended by R.1991 d.205, effective April 15, 1991.
See: 22 N.J.R. 902(a), 23 N.J.R. 1197(a).

Added language to (h) to include vehicles bearing governmental registration, operated by a county medical examiner or his or her deputy or assistant to travel to the scene of a death in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:17B-87.

Administrative correction.

See: 29 N.J.R. 5312(a).

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Rewrote the section.

13:24-2.9 Siren mounting requirements

(a) A siren may be mounted at any location on an authorized emergency vehicle.

(b) A siren that is utilized on a vehicle pursuant to a permit issued in accordance with this subchapter shall be mounted in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation and be audible from a distance of not less than 500 feet.

(c) Notwithstanding (b) above, an active chief of a volunteer fire company or the first assistant chief of a volunteer fire company who has been authorized by a permit issued pursuant to this subchapter to utilize a siren on a vehicle that he or she owns and that is registered in his or her name shall mount the siren under the hood of the vehicle.

(d) Vehicles operated by those Emergency Management personnel set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:24-3.1 or 3.2 or by those search and rescue team personnel set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:24-3.3 shall comply with the siren mounting and use requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:24-3.

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Rewrote the section.

SUBCHAPTER 3. SPECIAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

13:24-3.1 Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator permit application procedure; application contents

(a) Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators and Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators

may apply for red emergency light and siren permits for vehicles that they own or lease.

(b) An applicant for a permit pursuant to this section shall complete an application form prescribed by the Division, which shall contain the following:

1. The name, address and New Jersey driver license number of the owner or lessee of the vehicle or vehicles for which the permit is to be issued;
2. The make, model, year, registration plate number and vehicle identification number of the vehicle or vehicles on which the emergency warning devices are to be mounted. A copy of the vehicle registration shall be attached and, if the vehicle is leased, a copy of the lease agreement/contract shall also be attached;
3. A description of the use of the vehicle; and
4. The applicant's signature, as well as his or her title and organization, the organization's "corporation code" (a number assigned to it by the Division), and the date of application.

(c) An applicant pursuant to this section shall submit a letter of request on official stationery, signed by the mayor or chief executive officer of a municipality, together with the completed application, to the County Emergency Management Coordinator requesting approval to place a red emergency light and siren on the applicant's vehicle or vehicles.

(d) Upon approval by the County Coordinator, the letter of request and the application shall be forwarded to the State Office of Emergency Management for approval by the Director of that Office.

(e) If approved, the Director of the State Office of Emergency Management will send the application to the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles for final approval and issuance of the permit.

Amended by R.1989 d.542, effective October 16, 1989.
See: 21 N.J.R. 2460(a), 21 N.J.R. 3299(c).

Recodified from 13:24-3.2. Deleted prior 13:24-3.1, "Permits to qualified personnel".

Added new (a) regarding Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators.

Deleted language concerning letter of request requirements.

Made stylistic revisions throughout, changing "Civil Defense" to "Emergency Management".

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Rewrote the section.

13:24-3.2 County Emergency Management Coordinator permit application procedure; application contents

(a) County Emergency Management Coordinators and Deputy County Emergency Management Coordinators may apply for red emergency light and siren permits for vehicles that they own or lease.

(b) An applicant for a permit pursuant to this section shall complete an application form prescribed by the Division, which shall contain the following:

1. The name, address and New Jersey driver license number of the owner or lessee of the vehicle or vehicles for which the permit is to be issued;
2. The make, model, year, registration plate number and vehicle identification number of the vehicle or vehicles on which the emergency warning devices are to be mounted. A copy of the vehicle registration shall be attached and, if the vehicle is leased, a copy of the lease agreement/contract shall also be attached;
3. A description of the use of the vehicle; and
4. The applicant's signature, as well as his or her title and organization, the organization's "corporation code" (a number assigned to it by the Division), and the date of application.

(c) The application shall be signed by the director of the board of chosen freeholders or other appropriate authority for that county, and the application shall thereafter be forwarded to the State Office of Emergency Management for approval.

(d) If approved, the Director of the State Office of Emergency Management will send the application to the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles for final approval and issuance of the permit.

Amended by R.1989 d.542, effective October 16, 1989.
See: 21 N.J.R. 2460(a), 21 N.J.R. 3299(c).

Recodified from 13:24-3.3.

Added new (a) regarding County Emergency Management Coordinators.

Added new (c). Made stylistic revisions, changing "Civil Defense" to "Emergency Management".

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Rewrote the section.

13:24-3.3 Search and rescue team application procedure; application contents

(a) The active chief, first assistant chief, principal, or principal assistant of a search and rescue team may apply for a red emergency light and siren permit for a vehicle or vehicles which he or she owns or leases provided:

1. The search and rescue team is incorporated in the State of New Jersey; and
2. The search and rescue team has been recognized by a county Office of Emergency Management or the State Office of Emergency Management and has been added to either a county or the State Emergency Response Plan as a resource.

(b) An applicant for a permit pursuant to this section shall complete an application form prescribed by the Division, which shall contain the following:

1. The name, address and New Jersey driver license number of the owner or lessee of the vehicle or vehicles for which the permit is to be issued;

2. The make, model, year, registration plate number and vehicle identification number of the vehicle or vehicles on which the emergency warning devices are to be mounted. A copy of the vehicle registration shall be attached and, if the vehicle is leased, a copy of the lease agreement/contract shall also be attached;

3. A description of the use of the vehicle; and

4. The applicant's signature, as well as his or her title and organization, the organization's "corporation code" (a number assigned to it by the Division), and the date of application.

(c) An applicant pursuant to this section shall submit the completed application to the County Emergency Management Coordinator requesting approval to place a red emergency light and siren on the applicant's vehicle or vehicles.

(d) Upon approval by the County Coordinator, the application shall be forwarded to the State Office of Emergency Management for approval by the Director of that Office.

(e) If the application is approved, the Director of the State Office of Emergency Management will send the application to the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles for final approval and issuance of the permit.

(f) No more than two permits shall be issued to a search and rescue team pursuant to this subchapter.

Amended by R.1989 d.542, effective October 16, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2460(a), 21 N.J.R. 3299(c).

Recodified from 13:24-3.4.

In (a)1: added language regarding name and address of lessee.

Revised (a)2i and ii as (a)2i.

Made stylistic revisions.

Repeal and New Rule, R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Section was "Application contents".

13:24-3.4 Period of validity; cancellation of permit

(a) A permit issued pursuant to this subchapter is valid only during the term of office of the holder or for a period of two years, whichever period is shorter, and is nontransferable.

(b) Upon the expiration or termination of the term of office of a County or Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator, a Deputy County or Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator, or a chief, a first assistant chief, a principal, or a principal assistant of a search and rescue team, or upon the sale, transfer, disposal or termination of lease of any vehicles for which the permit was issued, the permit shall automatically and immediately be deemed cancelled and shall be surrendered to the State Office of Emergency Management.

(c) The State Office of Emergency Management shall forward a surrendered permit to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Amended by R.1989 d.542, effective October 16, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2460(a), 21 N.J.R. 3299(c).

Recodified from 13:24-3.5.

In (a): added 4-year time limit.

Added (c). Made stylistic revisions changing "Civil Defense" to "Emergency Management".

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Rewrote the section.

13:24-3.5 Mounting; specifications

(a) Any siren permitted by this subchapter shall be mounted on the vehicle in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation and be audible from a distance of not less than 500 feet.

(b) Any red emergency light permitted by this subchapter shall be affixed to the vehicle by means of a nonpermanent mounting system unless the vehicle is identified, by function and by either county or municipality, by means of a placard or sign which is attached to the vehicle and which contains letters in contrasting colors with a minimum height of two and one-half inches.

(c) Nonpermanent red emergency lights permitted by this subchapter shall be displayed on the vehicle only when it is being operated in response to an emergency and shall be removed at the conclusion of the emergency.

(d) Red emergency lights displayed on a vehicle pursuant to a permit issued in accordance with this subchapter shall not be used in place of the vehicle's regular headlights and shall not be mounted on the interior front dashboard of the vehicle.

(e) Alternately flashing or strobe headlights are prohibited and shall not be incorporated into the housing of any lighting permitted by this subchapter.

Amended by R.1989 d.542, effective October 16, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2460(a), 21 N.J.R. 3299(c).

Recodified from 13:24-3.6.

In (a): added "or in the center of the roof".

In (b): added "removable".

In (c): added "red" light.

In (d): added "interior front" dashboard.

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Rewrote the section.

13:24-3.6 Use requirements

(a) The red emergency light and siren permitted pursuant to this subchapter may be used only under the following conditions:

1. The vehicle is being operated by the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator or Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator or County Emergency Management Coordinator or Deputy County

Emergency Management Coordinator in response to an actual emergency; or

2. The vehicle is being operated by, or under the direct supervision of, the search and rescue team personnel listed on the permit in response to an actual emergency.

Amended by R.1989 d.542, effective October 16, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2460(a), 21 N.J.R. 3299(c).

Recodified from 13:24-3.7.

In (a)1: added "Municipal . . . Coordinator"; by deleting "civil defense director or county coordinator".

Deleted (a)2 and (a)3 regarding use regulations during simulated emergencies.

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Rewrote the section.

13:24-3.7 Possession and exhibition of permit

The permit must be in the possession of the operator at all times when the vehicle is being operated and the red emergency light and siren are displayed on the vehicle and must be exhibited upon the request of any law enforcement official or authorized representative of the Division.

Amended by R.1989 d.542, effective October 16, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2460(a), 21 N.J.R. 3299(c).

Recodified from 13:24-3.8.

Added language specifying that permit must be in the possession of operator.

Added "and the red . . . on the vehicle".

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Substituted a reference to red emergency lights for a reference to red lights, and added a reference to authorized representatives of the Division.

13:24-3.8 Revocation of permit

(a) The Director of Motor Vehicles may in his or her discretion revoke any permit issued pursuant to this subchapter at any time for noncompliance with the terms of the permit or the conditions of its issuance or for any other reasonable grounds. A permit holder may object to cancellation or revocation by requesting a hearing. A request for a hearing shall be in writing and shall be received by the Director within 10 days of the notice of cancellation or revocation. A request for hearing shall state all the reasons for the permit holder's objection to cancellation or revocation. The Director shall determine whether to grant a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq.

Amended by R.1989 d.542, effective October 16, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2460(a), 21 N.J.R. 3299(c).

Recodified from 13:24-3.9.

Added new language explaining permit holder's rights to object to revocation and request a fair hearing.

13:24-3.9 (Reserved)

"Revocation of permit" was recodified to 13:24-3.8.

SUBCHAPTER 4. FLASHING AMBER LIGHT PERMITS

13:24-4.1 Permit eligibility

(a) Owners or lessees of the following types of vehicles are eligible for flashing amber light permits.

1. Wreckers bearing commercial registration:

i. The use of the flashing amber light is restricted to operation on a public highway at the scene of an accident or breakdown while preparations are being made for vehicle removal and while the wrecker is towing the disabled vehicle from the scene of an accident or breakdown to the place of storage or repair.

2. Service vehicles bearing commercial registration:

i. A flashing amber light may be used on a public highway where such warning light activation is necessary for the protection of the public or service vehicle personnel.

3. Snow-removal and/or sanding vehicles bearing commercial registration:

i. Use of the flashing amber light is permitted only where such vehicle is actually engaged in snow removal, sanding or plowing operation on a public highway; and

ii. The vehicle owner or lessee has a snow-removal or sanding contract with a governmental agency.

4. Vehicles being operated by rural route letter carriers, employed by the United States Postal Service, while they are performing their official duties.

i. The vehicle must be either owned or leased by the rural route letter carrier or a member of his or her family.

5. Vehicles being operated by an employee of the New Jersey Department of Transportation who is required to use a vehicle owned or leased by him or her in the performance of his or her assigned duties as an employee:

i. The vehicle must be either owned or leased by the employee; and

ii. The amber warning light may be operated only while the vehicle is being used by the employee in the performance of his or her official duties.

6. Vehicles bearing commercial registration that are owned or leased by businesses which provide security services for commercial businesses or private residences.

i. The use of the flashing amber warning light is permitted only while the vehicle is actually engaged in providing the security services.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subchapter, any authorized emergency vehicle may be equipped with flashing amber lights, which may be displayed to the rear of the vehicle as part of its roof-mounted emergency light bar or which may be centered between the two rear-facing red upper corner lights on ambulances or mobile intensive care units that qualify as authorized emergency vehicles pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-1.1. A flashing amber light permit is not necessary when amber lights are mounted and used on an authorized emergency vehicle.

(c) A flashing amber light permit is not required pursuant to this subchapter for any vehicle bearing governmental registration which exhibits flashing amber warning lights on a public highway during the course of providing any of the services set forth in (a) above.

Amended by R.1979 d.372, effective September 20, 1979.
See: 11 N.J.R. 351(a), 11 N.J.R. 580(b).
Amended by R.1980 d.485, effective November 5, 1980.
See: 12 N.J.R. 490(b), 12 N.J.R. 726(c).

(a)li amended to include "and while the wrecker is towing ... to place of storage or repair"; (a)lii deleted.
Amended by R.1989 d.542, effective October 16, 1989.
See: 21 N.J.R. 2460(a), 21 N.J.R. 3299(c).

In title, changed "Vehicles" to "Persons" eligible.
Added i to section (a)2, deleting language regarding use of amber light while a vehicle is stopped for a service operation.
Added 3(b).

Amended by R.1991 d.205, effective April 15, 1991.
See: 22 N.J.R. 902(a), 23 N.J.R. 1197(a).

Substituted "police or law enforcement" with "any authorized emergency"; added "or which may be centered between the two rear-facing red upper corner lights on ambulances which qualify as authorized emergency vehicles pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-1.1, for use" in (b).
Amended by R.1993 d.115, effective March 15, 1993.
See: 24 N.J.R. 4236(a), 25 N.J.R. 1222(a).

Stylistic revisions in (a); added (a)4.
Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Rewrote the section.

13:24-4.2 Permit application procedure

(a) An applicant for a permit pursuant to this subchapter shall complete an application form prescribed by the Division.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in (c) and (d) below, the application, after completion, is to be signed by the chief law enforcement official in the municipality in which the service is being provided, and returned to the Division.

(c) The application by a rural route letter carrier who is eligible for a permit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-4.1(a)4, after completion, is to be signed by the postmaster of the post office which employs him or her, and returned to the Division.

(d) The application for vehicles owned or leased by an employee of the New Jersey Department of Transportation who is eligible for a permit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-4.1(a)5, after completion, is to be signed by the Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and returned to the Division.

(e) Amber light permits issued pursuant to this subchapter shall be valid for a period of four years, unless cancelled or revoked, and shall be nontransferable.

Amended by R.1979 d.372, effective September 20, 1979.
See: 11 N.J.R. 351(a), 11 N.J.R. 580(b).
Amended by R.1989 d.542, effective October 16, 1989.
See: 21 N.J.R. 2460(a), 21 N.J.R. 3299(c).

Made stylistic revisions to text.

Added new (c) and (d).

In (b): added language "for vehicles ... registration".
Amended by R.1993 d.115, effective March 15, 1993.
See: 24 N.J.R. 4236(a), 25 N.J.R. 1222(a).

Added new (b); redesignated existing (b) to (c) with revisions; deleted existing (c).

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Rewrote the section.

13:24-4.3 Possession and exhibition of permit

A permit issued pursuant to this subchapter must be in the possession of the operator at all times when the flashing amber lights are displayed on the vehicle and must be exhibited upon request of any law enforcement official or authorized representative of the Division.

Amended by R.1989 d.542, effective October 16, 1989.
See: 21 N.J.R. 2460(a), 21 N.J.R. 3299(c).

Changed title from "Exhibition" to "Possession and exhibition".
Revised section and added language: "A permit ... vehicle, and must be ...".

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Added a reference to authorized representatives of the Division.

13:24-4.4 Mounting; specifications

(a) Amber warning lights utilized on a vehicle pursuant to a permit issued in accordance with this subchapter shall be mounted so that at least one such light is clearly visible from every direction when the vehicle is being used for the type of employment or service for which the permit was issued.

(b) The amber warning light used on a vehicle by a United States Postal Service employee in the performance of his or her duties as a rural letter carrier in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:24-4.1(a)4 shall be a temporarily attached removable light not to exceed seven and one-half inches in diameter, shall not exceed 51 candlepower, shall be controlled by a switch installed inside of the vehicle, and shall be mounted on the roof of the vehicle.

(c) Alternately flashing or strobe headlights are prohibited and shall not be incorporated into the housing of any lighting permitted by this subchapter.

New Rule, R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 13:24-4.4, Revocation, recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:24-4.5.

13:24-4.5 Revocation of permit

The Director may in his or her discretion revoke any permit issued pursuant to this subchapter at any time for

noncompliance with the terms of the permit or the conditions of its issuance or for any other reasonable grounds. A permit holder may object to cancellation or revocation by requesting a hearing. A request for hearing shall be in writing and shall be received by the Director within 10 days of the notice of cancellation or revocation. A request for hearing shall state all the reasons for the permit holder's objection to cancellation or revocation. The Director shall determine whether to grant a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq.

Amended by R.1989 d.542, effective October 16, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2460(a), 21 N.J.R. 3299(c).

Deleted prior section language which gave general revocation grounds.

Added new language: "The Director . . . N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq." Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:24-4.4 by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 13:24-4.5, Termination of employment, recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:24-4.6.

13:24-4.6 Surrender of permit

Termination of the type of employment or service for which the permit was issued, or the sale, transfer, disposal or termination of lease of the vehicle for which the permit was issued, automatically and immediately cancels the permit and invalidates the authority for such a light, and the permit shall be surrendered to the Division by the permit holder within 10 days of the cause of cancellation.

Substituted "Emergency Light Unit" for "Office of the Chief Inspector".

Amended by R.1989 d.542, effective October 16, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2460(a), 21 N.J.R. 3299(c).

Deleted "Emergency Light Unit" as authority to which permit must be surrendered and replaced with "Division of Motor Vehicles . . . cancellation".

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:24-4.5 and amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Inserted "; or the sale, transfer, disposal or termination of lease of the vehicle for which the permit was issued," preceding "automatically".

SUBCHAPTER 5. BLUE EMERGENCY WARNING LIGHTS

13:24-5.1 Identification card (permit) eligibility

(a) An active member in good standing of a volunteer fire company or a volunteer first aid or rescue squad may display a blue emergency warning light or lights on any motor vehicle driven by him or her if he or she has been issued an identification card (permit) for such light or lights pursuant to this subchapter and is in compliance with the provisions of this subchapter.

(b) An identification card (permit) issued pursuant to this subchapter must be in the possession of the operator at all times when the blue emergency warning light or lights are displayed on a vehicle and must be exhibited upon the request of any law enforcement official or authorized representative of the Division.

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

In (a), substituted "any motor vehicle driven by him or her" for "a motor vehicle owned by him or her or by a member of his or her household" following "lights on"; and in (b), substituted a reference to blue emergency warning lights for a reference to blue lights, and added a reference to authorized representatives of the Division.

13:24-5.2 Identification card (permit) application procedure

(a) An applicant for a permit pursuant to this subchapter shall complete an application form prescribed by the Division.

(b) The applicant shall submit his or her completed application to the mayor or chief executive officer of the municipality recognizing and being served by the applicant's volunteer fire company or volunteer first aid or rescue squad. Upon approving a permit application for blue emergency warning lights, the mayor or chief executive officer shall sign and forward the application to the Division.

(c) Upon receipt of a permit application for blue emergency warning lights that has been submitted in accordance with (b) above, the Division shall forward an identification card (permit) signed by the Director to the mayor or chief executive officer of the municipality.

(d) The mayor or chief executive officer of the municipality shall countersign the identification card (permit) and issue it to the applicant.

(e) Identification cards (permits) issued pursuant to this subchapter shall remain valid for a period of four years, unless cancelled or revoked, and shall be nontransferable.

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

In (b) and (c), substituted references to blue emergency warning lights for references to blue emergency lights; and in (c), deleted "listing each vehicle described in the permit application" following "Director".

13:24-5.3 Surrender of identification card (permit)

When a person to whom an identification card (permit) has been issued pursuant to this subchapter ceases to be an active member in good standing of a volunteer fire company or volunteer first aid or rescue squad, the identification card (permit) shall automatically and immediately be deemed cancelled and shall be surrendered to the Division by the permit holder within 10 days of the cause of cancellation.

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).

Deleted "or upon the sale, transfer or disposal of any vehicles for which the permit was issued," following "squad".

13:24-5.4 Mounting; specifications

(a) No more than two blue emergency warning lights may be installed on a vehicle pursuant to this subchapter.

1. If one blue light is used, it shall be mounted on: