

CHAPTER 24

EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES
AND OTHER SPECIFIED VEHICLES

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SUBCHAPTER 1. DEFINITIONS

13:24-1.1 Words and phrases defined

The following words and terms, when used in this Chap-
ter, 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 Law and
Public Safety, when operated in response to an emergency
call. Any vehicle which is licensed as an ambulance by the
New Jersey Department of Health in accordance with
N.J.A.C. 8:40, and any ambulance of a volunteer first aid,
rescue or ambulance squad which has been certified as
qualified for emergency medical service programs in accord-
ance 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 bearing governmental registration,
when being 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, 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 Law and Public Safety.

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

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

"Wrecker" means any vehicle bearing commercial or governmental 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.

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.

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 or assistant 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. 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.

13:24-2.4 Permit applications

(a) Requests for permits authorizing the use of red lights and/or sirens pursuant to this subchapter are to be made to the Director by the mayor or chief executive officer in the municipality in which the applicant's service is being provided; except that Emergency Management personnel shall apply for such permits in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:24-3, and organizations eligible for such permits pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.5(a)4 shall make application directly to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

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

(c) A permit issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles pursuant to this subchapter will be forwarded to the applicant via the official who made the request, as specified in (a) above.

13:24-2.5 Eligibility for permit

(a) Applicants for permits authorizing the use of red lights and/or sirens pursuant to this subchapter may be considered eligible only if the vehicle intended to display the red lights and/or 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. Owned by, or leased by or for, a chief of police of a municipality or a police captain or first assistant to the chief of police of a municipality, where 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 must be full time police officials;

3. Owned by, or leased by or for, a captain or 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, when such operation is in compliance with the terms of the permit; or

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

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

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 lights and/or sirens are displayed on the vehicle, and must be exhibited upon the request of any law enforcement official.

13:24-2.7 Permit cancellation or revocation

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

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

1. Expiration or termination, for any reason, of term of office or contract which entitled the holder to the permit;

2. The sale, transfer, destruction or termination of lease of the vehicle for which the permit was issued;

3. A violation of any of the conditions applying to such permit as stated in this subchapter; and/or

4. Upon the operator of the vehicle being convicted of any violation of the Motor Vehicle Traffic Laws involving the use of the lights or sirens.

(c) Cancelled or revoked permits for red lights or sirens must be surrendered to the Division of Motor Vehicles by the permit holder within 10 days of the cancellation or revocation of the permit.

(d) 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.

13:24-2.8 Red light mounting and use requirements

(a) There is no limit as to the number of red lights which may be mounted on an authorized emergency vehicle; provided, that no red lights shall be mounted on the vehicle's interior front dashboard nor shall red lights be used in place of the vehicle's regular headlights.

(b) Any authorized emergency vehicle that displays roof-mounted red lights may be equipped with interior trunk-mounted flashing red emergency lights if the trunk obscures the roof lights when open.

(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 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. 13:24-2.5(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 lights shall be mounted on the vehicle's interior front dashboard nor shall red lights be used in place of the vehicle's regular headlights.

(e) Except for those vehicles specified in (c) and (d) above, vehicles equipped with a red light pursuant to a permit issued by the Director in accordance with this subchapter shall display one magnetic base type removable light. The red light shall not be mounted on the vehicle's interior front dashboard and shall not be used in place of the vehicle's regular headlights.

(f) Vehicles operated by Emergency Management personnel shall comply with the red light mounting and use requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:24-3.

(g) Any mounting of red lights not provided for by this subchapter is prohibited.

(h) Red lights shall only be used when the vehicle is being operated in response to a fire or emergency call; provided, however, that 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. 13:24-2.5(a)4 may only be used when such vehicle is being operated by an organization employee for the purpose of demonstration or delivery. Police vehicles may also use red lights in the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law. Fire department vehicles may also use red lights while returning from an emergency call. Ambulances which qualify as authorized emergency vehicles pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-1.1 may also use red lights when transporting a person to a hospital on an emergency basis. Vehicles bearing governmental registration, when being 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, may use red 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).

13:24-2.9 Siren mounting requirements

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

(b) A vehicle authorized by a permit issued pursuant to this subchapter to utilize a siren shall comply with the following provisions:

1. The siren must be mounted under the hood of the vehicle; except that a vehicle for which a permit has been issued authorizing the use of a siren, other than 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, may mount a removable siren on the center of the roof of the vehicle for use while responding to an emergency call provided it is removed at the conclusion of the emergency.

(c) Vehicles operated by Emergency Management personnel shall comply with the siren mounting and use requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:24-3.

SUBCHAPTER 3. SPECIAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

13:24-3.1 Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator applications

(a) Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators may apply for a red light and/or siren permit for a vehicle or vehicles which they own or lease.

(b) 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 a completed application, to the County Emergency Management Coordinator requesting approval to place a red light and siren on the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator's vehicle or vehicles.

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

(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 13:24-3.2. 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".

13:24-3.2 County Emergency Management Coordinator applications

(a) County Emergency Management Coordinators and Deputy County Emergency Management Coordinators may apply for a red light and/or siren permit for a vehicle or vehicles which they own or lease.

(b) In the case of the application of the County Emergency Management Coordinator or Deputy County Emergency Management Coordinator, the application shall be signed by the director of the board of chosen freeholders for that county and the letter of request and all three copies of the application forwarded to the State Office of Emergency Management for approval.

(c) 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".

13:24-3.3 Application contents

(a) The application is to contain:

1. The name and address of the owner of the vehicle or vehicles for which the permit is to be issued and, if applicable, the name and address of the lessee of the vehicle or vehicles for which the permit is to be issued. The owner or lessee must be the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator or the County Emergency Management Coordinator or Deputy County Emergency Management Coordinator.

2. The following vehicle information must be given:

i. The registration number, make, model, year and vehicle identification number of the vehicle or vehicles on which the emergency warning devices are to be mounted.

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.

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

(a) The permit is valid only during the term of office of the holder or for a period of four years, whichever period is shorter, and is nontransferable.

(b) At the expiration or upon termination of the term of office of a County or Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator or a Deputy County Emergency Management Coordinator, or upon the sale, transfer, disposal or termination of lease of any vehicles for which the permit was issued, the permit 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 for cancellation.

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".

13:24-3.5 Mounting regulations

(a) Any siren permitted by this subchapter must be mounted under the hood or in the center of the roof of the vehicle.

(b) Any red light permitted by this subchapter must be a portable light with a removable magnetic-type base.

(c) The red light may be affixed to the vehicle only at such times when the vehicle is being operated in response to an emergency.

(d) Any red light permitted by this subchapter may only be mounted on the roof of the vehicle. Mounting on the interior front dashboard, fenders or at any other location of the vehicle is prohibited.

(e) At the conclusion of the emergency the red light must be removed.

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.

13:24-3.6 Use regulations

(a) The red light and/or siren may be used only under the following conditions:

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

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 light and/or siren is displayed on the vehicle, and must be exhibited upon the request of any law enforcement official.

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".

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 PERMIT

13:24-4.1 Persons eligible

(a) Owners or lessees of the following types of vehicles may be considered eligible for amber light permits.

1. **Wreckers, bearing commercial or governmental registration:**

i. The use of the flashing amber light is restricted to operation 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 or governmental registration:**

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

3. **Snow-removal and/or sanding equipment:**

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

ii. The vehicle owner 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.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subchapter, any authorized emergency vehicle may be equipped with flashing amber lights which are 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 which qualify as authorized emergency vehicles pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-1.1, for use while the vehicle is stationary. A flashing amber light permit is not necessary when amber lights are mounted and used on an authorized emergency vehicle in such a manner. Such amber lights on an authorized emergency vehicle must be controlled by a switch separate from the red lights.

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)1i amended to include "and while the wrecker is towing ... to place of storage or repair"; (a)1ii 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.

13:24-4.2 Application procedure

(a) Application for a flashing amber light permit pursuant to this subchapter must be made in writing to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

(b) The application for vehicles bearing governmental registration, after completion, is to be signed by the chief official of the governmental agency which owns or leases the vehicles, and returned to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

(c) The application for vehicles not bearing governmental registration, 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 of Motor Vehicles. However, a rural route letter carrier shall have his or her application signed by the postmaster of the post office which employs him or her, instead of the chief law enforcement official in a municipality.

(d) 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).

13:24-4.3 Possession and exhibition

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.

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 ...".

13:24-4.4 Revocation

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."

13:24-4.5 Termination of employment

Termination of the type of employment or service for which the permit was issued automatically and immediately cancels the permit and invalidates the authority for such a light, and the permit must be surrendered to the Division of Motor Vehicles by the permit holder within 10 days of the cause of cancellation.

Amended by R.1984 d.442, effective October 1, 1984.

See: 16 N.J.R. 2061(a), 16 N.J.R. 2679(b).

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".

SUBCHAPTER 5. BLUE EMERGENCY WARNING LIGHTS**13:24-5.1 Blue emergency warning lights restricted**

(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 a motor vehicle owned by him or her or by a member of his or her household 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 light or lights are displayed on a vehicle, and must be exhibited upon the request of any law enforcement official.

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 of Motor Vehicles.

(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 lights, the mayor or chief executive officer shall sign and forward the application to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

(c) Upon receipt of a permit application for blue emergency lights which has been submitted in accordance with

(b) above, the Division of Motor Vehicles shall forward an identification card (permit) signed by the Director, listing each vehicle described in the permit application 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.

13:24-5.3 Surrender of identification cards (permits)

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, or upon the sale, transfer or disposal of any vehicles for which the permit was issued, the identification card (permit) shall automatically and immediately be deemed cancelled and shall be surrendered to the Division of Motor Vehicles by the permit holder within 10 days of the cause of cancellation.

13:24-5.4 Mounting; specifications

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

1. If one blue light is used, it shall be mounted on:
 - i. The center of the roof;
 - ii. The left windshield column; or
 - iii. The front of the vehicle so that the top of the light is no higher than the top of the vehicle's headlights.
2. If two blue lights are used, 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.

(b) The blue lights shall be temporarily attached, removable lights of the flashing or revolving type, and shall not exceed seven and one-half inches in diameter.

(c) The lights shall have a blue lens and shall be equipped with a lamp of not more than 51 candlepower as measured without a lens. The lights shall be controlled by a switch installed inside of the vehicle.

13:24-5.5 Use of blue emergency warning lights

(a) A blue emergency warning light shall only be used:

1. While the vehicle is responding to a fire or emergency call; and

2. On a motor vehicle owned by the identification card (permit) holder or by a member of his or her household.

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

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

Deleted (a)1.

Redesignated (a)2 as (a)1 and (a)3 as (a)2.

13:24-5.6 Revocation

The Director may in his or her discretion revoke any identification card (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.

SUBCHAPTER 6. SPECIAL AMBER IDENTIFICATION LIGHTS (LICENSED PRIVATE DETECTIVE BUSINESSES)

13:24-6.1 Permit eligibility

Vehicles owned or leased by licensed private detective businesses under contractual agreement to provide community security services in planned developments as defined in N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq. are eligible for special amber identification light permits in accordance with the procedures set forth in this subchapter to enable them to be equipped with and display such a light.

13:24-6.2 Application procedure

(a) Application for a special amber identification light permit pursuant to this subchapter must be made in writing to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

(b) The application, after completion by the applicant, is to be signed by the chief law enforcement official in the municipality in which the permit will be used. Thereafter, the application should be submitted by the applicant to the Division together with:

1. A copy of the vehicle registration;
2. A copy of the contractual agreement referred to in N.J.A.C. 13:24-6.1; and
3. A \$25.00 check or money order made payable to the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles as authorized by N.J.S.A. 39:3-54.14.

(c) Special amber identification light permits issued pursuant to this subchapter shall be valid for a period of four years or until the termination of the contract, whichever period is shorter, and shall be nontransferable.

13:24-6.3 Mounting; specifications

(a) No more than one special amber identification light may be mounted on a vehicle pursuant to this subchapter. Such light shall be mounted on:

1. The center of the roof of the vehicle;
2. The left windshield column; or
3. The front of the vehicle so that the top of the light is no higher than the top of the vehicle's headlights.

(b) A special amber identification light mounted on a vehicle pursuant to this subchapter shall not exceed seven and one-half inches in diameter, shall have an amber lens and shall be equipped with a lamp of not more than 51 candlepower as measured without a lens. The light shall be controlled by a switch installed inside of the vehicle.

13:24-6.4 Possession and exhibition

A permit issued pursuant to this subchapter must be in the possession of the operator at all times when the special amber identification light is displayed on the vehicle, and

must be exhibited upon the request of any law enforcement official.

13:24-6.5 Revocation

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 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.

13:24-6.6 Termination of employment

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 is to be surrendered to the Division of Motor Vehicles by the permit holder within 10 days of the cause of cancellation.