

**CHAPTER 24****EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES  
AND OTHER SPECIFIED VEHICLES****Authority**

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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 Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission, 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 or a specialty care transport 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, and any “first response” vehicle or other vehicle of a volunteer first aid, rescue or ambulance squad that bears governmental or other “no fee” registration, and any “first response” vehicle of a hospital that bears governmental or other “no fee” 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 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 of the New Jersey Office of Counter-Terrorism 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” or “fire inspector” 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, 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 member, officer, or agent of the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or of a district or county society for the prevention of cruelty to animals for purposes of enforcing N.J.S.A. 4:22-1 et seq., shall be considered approved as an authorized emergency vehicle for purposes of N.J.S.A. 39:1-1 and this chapter.

“Chief Administrator” means the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

“Commission” means the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission established by section 4 of P.L. 2003, c.13 (N.J.S.A. 39:2A-4).

“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.

“Tow truck” means a motor vehicle bearing commercial registration that is equipped with a boom or booms, winches, slings, tilt beds, or similar equipment and that is designed and used for the towing, recovery, or removal of vehicles.

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.

Amended by R.2001 d.102, effective March 19, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 4050(a), 33 N.J.R. 1006(b).

In “Authorized emergency vehicle”, rewrote the second sentence, inserted a reference to “fire inspector” and amended an N.J.A.C. reference in the last sentence.

Amended by R.2001 d.295, effective August 20, 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 2042(a), 33 N.J.R. 2819(a).

In the second sentence of “Authorized emergency vehicle”, inserted reference to hospital first response vehicle bearing no fee registration.

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

Rewrote “Authorized emergency vehicle”; added “Chief Administrator”, “Commission” and “Tow truck”; deleted “Director”, “Division” and “Wrecker”.

## SUBCHAPTER 2. EMERGENCY LIGHTS AND SIRENS; RED EMERGENCY LIGHT AND SIREN PERMITS

### 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 Chief Administrator.

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

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.  
See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

In (a), substituted "Chief Administrator" for "Director" in 5.

### 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 Chief Administrator 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 chapter may be equipped with flashing red emergency lights, or with a combination of flashing red and blue emergency lights. A permit is not required for such flashing emergency warning 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, mobile intensive care unit, or specialty care transport 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 that 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).

Amended by R.2001 d.102, effective March 19, 2001.  
See: 32 N.J.R. 4050(a), 33 N.J.R. 1006(b).

Rewrote (b).  
Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.  
See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

In (a), substituted "Chief Administrator" for "Director"; in (f), inserted ", or specialty care transport unit" following "mobile intensive care unit" and substituted "that" for "which" preceding "was current".

### 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 or fire inspector 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, 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 Chief Administrator 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.

Amended by R.2001 d.102, effective March 19, 2001.  
See: 32 N.J.R. 4050(a), 33 N.J.R. 1006(b).

In (a)1, inserted reference to "fire inspector" and amended an N.J.A.C. reference in the last sentence.

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.  
See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

In (a), substituted "Chief Administrator" for "Director" in 2.

### 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.

(c) A permit issued to an organization engaged in the manufacture and/or sale of emergency vehicles or equipment pursuant to (a)4 above shall authorize the display of red emergency lights, or a combination of red and blue emergency lights.

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.

Amended by R.2001 d.102, effective March 19, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 4050(a), 33 N.J.R. 1006(b).

Added (c)

#### 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 Commission 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 Commission.

(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 shall be made to the Commission 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 shall be submitted to, the Commission.

(f) A permit issued by the Commission pursuant to this subchapter shall 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.

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

In (d), substituted "shall" for "are to" following the N.J.A.C. reference; in (e), substituted "must" for "shall" preceding "be submitted to"; in (f), substituted "shall" for "will" preceding "be forwarded to the applicant"; substituted "Commission" for "Division" throughout.

#### 13:24-2.6 Possession and exhibition of permit

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

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.

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

Substituted "Commission" for "Division" following "authorized representative of the"; substituted "shall" for "must" throughout.

#### 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 Chief Administrator 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 Commission 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 Chief Administrator within 25 days of the date of the notice of cancellation or revocation. A request for a hearing shall indicate all the reasons for the permit holder's objection to cancellation or revocation. The Chief Administrator 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.

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.  
See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

In (c), substituted "Chief Administrator" for "Director" in the introductory paragraph; in (d), substituted "Commission" for "Division"; rewrote (e).

### 13:24-2.8 Emergency light mounting and use requirements

(a) There is no limit as to the number of red emergency lights, or combination of red and blue emergency lights, which may be mounted on an authorized emergency vehicle. Red emergency lights may be mounted on the interior front dashboard of such a vehicle provided they are 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. Neither red nor blue emergency lights shall be used on such a vehicle in place of the vehicle's regular headlights.

(b) Any authorized emergency vehicle that displays red emergency lights, or a combination of red and blue emergency lights, may be equipped with interior trunk-mounted flashing red emergency lights, or with a combination of interior trunk-mounted flashing red and blue 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 Chief Administrator 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, or combination of red and blue 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 Chief Administrator pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.4 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 may 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) 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 emergency lights, or a combination of red and blue emergency 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 Chief Administrator

pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.4 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, or a combination of red and blue 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, mobile intensive care units, and specialty care transport units that qualify as authorized emergency vehicles pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-1.1 and that are equipped with emergency warning lights in accordance with this chapter may use such lights when transporting a person to a hospital on an emergency basis.

5. 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 red emergency lights, or a combination of red and blue emergency lights, during such time of operation. Vehicles for which a permit has been issued by the Chief Administrator pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-2.4(a)7, 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 red emergency lights during such time of operation.

6. Vehicles bearing governmental registration, when being operated by a fire official or fire inspector 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, may use red emergency lights, or a combination of red and blue emergency lights, during such time of operation.

7. Vehicles bearing governmental registration, when being operated by a member, officer, or agent of the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or of a district or county society for the prevention of cruelty to animals for purposes of enforcing N.J.S.A. 4:22-1 et seq. may use red emergency lights, or a combination of red and blue 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.

Amended by R.2001 d.102, effective March 19, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 4050(a), 33 N.J.R. 1006(b).

Rewrote (a), (b), (d) and (h).

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

In (h), deleted "and" following "Ambulances" and inserted "and specialty care transport units" following "intensive care units" in 4, and added 7; substituted "Chief Administrator" for "Director" throughout.

### 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 Commission, 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 Commission), and the date of application.

(e) The application for vehicles owned or leased by an employee of a contractor or subcontractor of the New Jersey Department of Transportation who is eligible for a permit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-4.1(a)6, after completion by the employee, is to be signed by an authorized representative of the contractor or subcontractor and thereafter forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation or to his or her designee. The application is to be signed by the Deputy Commissioner or by his or her designee and returned to the Commission.

(f) The application for vehicles owned or leased by an employee of the New Jersey Highway Authority or the South Jersey Transportation Authority who is eligible for a permit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-4.1(a)7, after completion by the employee, is to be signed by the Executive Director of the applicable Authority or by his or her designee, and returned to the Commission.

(g) The application for vehicles owned or leased by an employee of a contractor or subcontractor of the New Jersey Highway Authority or the South Jersey Transportation Authority who is eligible for a permit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-4.1(a)8, after completion by the employee, is to be signed by an authorized representative of the contractor or subcontractor and thereafter forwarded to the Executive Director of the applicable Authority or to his or her designee. The application is to be signed by the Executive Director of the applicable Authority or by his or her designee and returned to the Commission.

(h) 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.

Amended by R.2001 d.102, effective March 19, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 4050(a), 33 N.J.R. 1006(b).

In (b), updated internal references; in (d), inserted "by the employee" following "after completion" and inserted reference to Commissioner's designee; inserted new (e) through (g); and recodified former (e) as (h).

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

Substituted "Commission" for "Division" throughout.

### 13:24-4.3 Possession and exhibition of permit

A permit issued pursuant to this subchapter shall be in the possession of the operator at all times when the flashing amber lights are displayed on the vehicle and shall be

exhibited upon the request of any law enforcement official or authorized representative of the Commission.

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.

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

Rewrote the section.

### 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 Chief Administrator 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 Chief Administrator within 25 days of the date of the notice of cancellation or revocation. A request for a hearing shall indicate all the reasons for the permit holder's objection to cancellation or revocation. The Chief Administrator 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.

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

Substituted "within 25 days of the date of the notice of cancellation or revocation" for "within 10 days of the notice of cancellation or revocation" in the third sentence and substituted "indicate" for "state" preceding "all the reasons" in the fourth sentence.

### 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 Commission 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".

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

## 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 shall be in the possession of the operator at all times when the blue emergency warning light or lights are displayed on a vehicle and shall be exhibited upon the request of any law enforcement official or authorized representative of the Commission.

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.

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

### 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 Commission.

(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 Commission.

(c) Upon receipt of a permit application for blue emergency warning lights that has been submitted in accordance with (b) above, the Commission shall forward an identification card (permit) signed by the Chief Administrator 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".

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

### 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 Commission 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".

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

### 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:

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.

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

In (a), inserted a reference to this subchapter in the introductory paragraph; and added (d).

#### 13:24-5.5 Use of blue emergency warning lights

(a) A blue emergency warning light authorized pursuant to this subchapter may be used under the following conditions:

1. On any motor vehicle driven by the identification card (permit) holder; and
2. Only while the identification card (permit) holder is responding to a fire or emergency call.

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.

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).

#### 13:24-5.6 Revocation of identification card (permit)

The Chief Administrator 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 Chief Administrator within 25 days of the date of the notice of cancellation or revocation. A request for a hearing shall indicate all the reasons for the permit holder's objection to cancellation or revocation. The Chief Administrator 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).

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

Substituted "within 25 days of the date of the notice of cancellation or revocation" for "within 10 days of the notice of cancellation or revocation" in the third sentence and substituted "indicate" for "state" preceding "all the reasons" in the fourth sentence.

## 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 Permit application procedure

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

(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 to the Commission together with the following:

1. A copy of the vehicle registration to confirm that the vehicle bears commercial 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 Motor Vehicle Commission 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.

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)1, added "to confirm that the vehicle bears commercial registration" at the end.

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

**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) The special amber identification light shall be controlled from the inside 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.

Amended by R.1999 d.358, effective October 18, 1999.  
See: 31 N.J.R. 1901(a), 31 N.J.R. 3093(a).  
Rewrote (b); and added (c).

**13:24-6.4 Possession and exhibition of permit**

A permit issued pursuant to this subchapter shall be in the possession of the operator at all times when the special amber identification light is displayed on the vehicle and shall be exhibited upon the request of any law enforcement official or authorized representative of the Commission.

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.  
Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.  
See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

**13:24-6.5 Revocation of permit**

The Chief Administrator 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 Chief Administrator within 25 days of the date of the notice of cancellation or revocation. A request for a hearing shall indicate all the reasons for the permit holder's objection to cancellation or revocation. The Chief Administrator 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).  
Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.  
See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).  
Substituted "25 days of the date of the" for "10 days of the" preceding "notice of cancellation or revocation" and substituted "indicate" for "state" preceding "all the reasons".

**13:24-6.6 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 Commission 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).  
Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.  
See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

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**SUBCHAPTER 7. BLUE EMERGENCY WARNING LIGHTS (CIVIL AIR PATROL)**
**13:24-7.1 Permit eligibility**

An active member in good standing of the New Jersey Wing of the Civil Air Patrol 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 a permit for such light or lights pursuant to this subchapter and is in compliance with the provisions of this subchapter.

**13:24-7.2 Permit application procedure; application contents**

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

1. The name and address 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 blue emergency warning lights 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; and
3. The applicant's signature, as well as the name and address of his or her organization, and the date of application.

(b) The application, after completion by the applicant, should be submitted by the applicant to the Commission together with a copy of the applicant's current CAP form 101 (Emergency Services Qualification Card).

(c) 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.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.  
See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

**13:24-7.3 Mounting; specifications**

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

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

- 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 the following:

- 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.

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

**13:24-7.4 Use of blue emergency warning lights**

(a) A blue emergency warning light or lights authorized pursuant to this subchapter may be used under the following conditions:

1. On any motor vehicle driven by the permit holder; and
2. Only while the permit holder is responding to an actual authorized mission.

**13:24-7.5 Possession and exhibition of permit**

A permit issued pursuant to this subchapter shall be in the possession of the operator at all times when the blue emergency warning light or lights are displayed on a vehicle and shall be exhibited upon the request of any law enforcement official or authorized representative of the Commission.

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.  
See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

**13:24-7.6 Revocation of permit**

The Chief Administrator 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 Chief Administrator within 25 days of the date of the notice of cancellation or revocation. A request for a hearing shall indicate all the reasons for the permit holder's objection to cancellation or revocation. The Chief Administrator 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.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.  
See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).

Substituted "25 days of the date of the" for "10 days of the" preceding "notice of cancellation or revocation" and substituted "indicate" for "state" preceding "all the reasons".

**13:24-7.7 Surrender of permit**

When a person to whom a permit has been issued pursuant to this subchapter ceases to be an active member in good standing of the New Jersey Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, the permit shall automatically and immediately be deemed cancelled and shall be surrendered to the Commission by the permit holder within 10 days of the cause of cancellation.

Amended by R.2005 d.114, effective April 4, 2005.  
See: 36 N.J.R. 4675(a), 37 N.J.R. 1032(a).