

[(1)] (2) Vehicles of the police department and other city, county, State, or federal law enforcement agencies may be equipped with and display red, white, or blue lights or signal devices.

[(2)] (3) (i) Vehicles of city, county, State, or federal fire departments or duly constituted volunteer fire departments or rescue squads, or the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System, may be equipped with or display red and/or white lights or signal devices.

(ii) In each volunteer fire company, no more than five of the following officers may have their privately owned vehicles equipped with red lights or signal devices which may be displayed only while on route to or at the scene of an emergency:

1. The fire chief or the highest ranking fireline officer;
2. One or more of the assistant chiefs or deputy chiefs, whichever rank is second in command; and
3. The emergency medical services commander.

(iii) 1. The fire police of each volunteer fire company may have their privately owned vehicles equipped with red lights or signal devices designed to emit an oscillating, rotating, blinking, or other type of emission of light.

2. The lights or signal devices may be flashed or oscillated or otherwise used only while the vehicle is at the scene of an accident, flood, or other emergency to which the volunteer fire company is responding.

[(3)] (4) Ambulances may be equipped with or display red and/or white lights or signal devices.

[(4)] (5) State vehicles used in response to oil or hazardous materials spills may be equipped with or display red and/or white lights or signal devices.

[(5)] (6) Service vehicles, rural letter carrier vehicles, slow moving farm vehicles, and tow trucks may be equipped with or display yellow or amber lights or signal devices.

[(6)] (7) State vehicles designated for emergency use by the Commissioner of Correction may be equipped with or display red lights or signal devices.

[(7)] (8) (I) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE blue, red, or white lights or signal devices may be flashed or oscillated or otherwise used only while on route to or at the scene of an emergency, and their use does not relieve an emergency vehicle from otherwise giving an audible warning as required elsewhere in the Maryland Vehicle Law.

(II) THE DRIVER OF AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE MAY USE FLASHING LIGHTS WITHIN 100 FEET OF THE ENTRANCE RAMP OF A FIRE OR RESCUE STATION WHILE PARKING OR BACKING THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE.