


SHELBYVILLE FIRE & RESCUE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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Purpose:

To establish the guidelines for issuing of an Emergency Light & Siren Permit in accordance with KRS 189.950(4), this is required for a person to operate a personal vehicle as an emergency vehicle. This S.O.P applies to all members of the SFD that intend to operate a personal vehicle as an emergency vehicle.

Procedure:


I. Emergency Lights & Siren Permit

1. All personnel that intend to operate his/her vehicle as an emergency vehicle shall required by law and this S.O.P. to have in the vehicle, an Emergency Light & Siren Permit signed by the chief of the department. A current copy will be kept in member's files.
2. To be eligible for an Emergency Light & Siren Permit, members must have, as a minimum, met or completed the requirements to operate a personal vehicle as prescribed in S.O.P., requirements for the operations of an emergency vehicle, Item A-B
3. To maintain a current permit, members must complete an Emergency Vehicle Operators class on a biannually basis. At that time, the chief will issue a new permit.

II. Members Responsibility

1. The vehicle the member intends to use, as an emergency vehicle shall be in good mechanical condition & working order.
2. The emergency lights and siren that are to be used on a members vehicle shall meet the requirements as outlined
 - a. The Chief or department officers prior to issuing an Emergency Light & Siren Permit, to insure compliance to this S.O.P, Emergency Vehicle Operations, shall inspect emergency warning equipment
3. Members shall operate their vehicles with the guidelines set forth by KRS 189, Emergency Vehicle Operations, when using it as an emergency vehicle.
4. If a member's lights and or siren becomes out of service or should fail to operate properly, member shall turn off all emergency equipment and proceed to their station in a non-emergency fashion, obeying all traffic laws.
5. The use of flashing one's headlights and using the vehicles horn is not a substitute for the proper emergency equipment and its use as such will be considered unlawful and a violation of this S.O.P. as an unsafe practice.

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6. The use of emergency lights and siren are a privilege and is to be utilized for response to a member's station for emergencies that the SFD is dispatched to.
7. Misuse of the member's emergency warning equipment shall be considered a violation of this S.O.P. and will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of said member.
8. A member's signature on the Emergency Light & Siren Permit acknowledges their knowledge and their willingness to conform to all items in this S.O.P. and those S.O.P.s and law related to the safe operation of their vehicle.
9. The Chiefs office has the authority to issue and revoke Light & Siren Permits at his discretion.

Reference: KRS 89.950(4)