

CLAYTON FIRE COMPANY NO.1 INCORPORATED
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE # IV-10

Date of Effect: December 1, 2011	To be reviewed: January, 2020
To: All Members	Revised: January 1, 2019
Ordered By: Alexander C Carrow, Fire Chief	
Subject: USE OF FLASHING/EMERGENCY LIGHTS ON PERSONAL VEHICLE WHEN RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY CALLS.	

This guideline shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until superseded.

Purpose: *To establish a guideline for the use of flashing/emergency lights by members of this department who respond to the scene in their own vehicle.*

I. ELIGIBILITY:

Delaware State Code Title 21 Section 434B paragraph 3 grants members of the Fire/EMS service in Delaware the authority to utilize flashing lights (wig-wags) or emergency lights on their personal vehicles when responding to an alarm.

I. REQUIREMENTS:

The Fire Chief will be the only person authorize to approve any individual the authority to utilize flashing lights (wig-wags) or emergency lighting on their personal vehicle while responding to an emergency scene or to the station for an alarm. Those individuals granted permission are obligated to obey all traffic laws when responding to alarms. Their personal vehicle even outfitted with said flashing lights/emergency lighting will not be considered an emergency vehicle at any time. Prior to the Fire Chiefs approval the member must have completed the State of Delaware Emergency Vehicle Operators course. The member requesting use of flashing/emergency lights must submit their request in writing to the fire chief accompanied by a description of type of lights and location the lights will be located. The member also must annually provide the Fire Chief with a valid copy of proof of insurance on the vehicle equipped with flashing/emergency lights. The Fire Chief will inspect all vehicle flashing/emergency lighting prior to granting the member final permission to use said lights

II. GUIDELINE:

Members granted permission to use flashing/emergency lights will obey all traffic laws when responding to any alarm or to the station for an alarm. The member will submit the proper request and/or paper work to the chief prior to being granted permission to use said lights. The member will annually provide proof of insurance on their vehicle that is equipped with said lights. The member will only be permitted to use said lights when responding to the following types of calls; Structure Fires, MVC's, Medical Assists/CPR (only if they are a current holder of a valid CPR card), gas leak, Field/Woods fire, Rescue's. The fire chief has the sole authority to withdraw permission of any member granted permission to use said lights at anytime if the member violates any procedures/requirements set forth in this guideline or Guideline IV-4.