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TO MEMBERS OF THE FORCE

The following information shall remain in effect until incorporated into the revised general order; GO-OPS-301.01 (Vehicle Operations and Maintenance):

Operation of Emergency Vehicles

Members are reminded that although it is important to respond swiftly to emergencies, it is equally important to reach the destination safely. To this end, extreme caution must be exercised in the area of schools, at intersections, and other such locations where a potential danger may arise to the public or to any employee of the force.

Members operating vehicles with all required emergency warning devices activated shall:

1. Open both front windows, if a 10-4 unit, or open one front window (driver's side), if a 10-99 unit; and
2. Activate the headlights regardless of the time of day.

Department vehicles shall be operated as emergency vehicles only in the District of Columbia, and when outside of the District of Columbia only while engaged in the fresh pursuit of a fleeing felon as defined in GO-OPS-301.03 (Vehicular Pursuits).

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When operating emergency vehicles (with emergency warning devices activated), members shall:

1. When approaching an intersection controlled by electric signal devices:
 - a. Stop before entering the intersection when facing a red signal;
 - b. Slow to the maximum legal speed limit when a green signal or a flashing yellow signal is displayed; and
 - c. Stop before entering an intersection where four-way pedestrian walk signals are displayed.
2. When approaching an intersection controlled by a stop sign, the operator of the vehicle shall stop before entering the intersection.
3. When approaching an uncontrolled intersection or an intersection controlled by yield signs:
 - a. Slow to the maximum legal speed limit before entering the intersection; and
 - b. Comply with all other requirements applicable to uncontrolled intersections or intersections controlled by yield signs.

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- When responding on an assignment, no vehicle shall be operated at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour in excess of the posted or prima facie speed limit, except when operating an emergency vehicle in pursuit of a felon, in accordance with GO-OPS-301.03 (Vehicular Pursuits).
- Vehicles equipped only with siren and lights mounted in the front grill and having no permanent portable beacon light are not classified as emergency vehicles, and shall be operated in conformity with traffic regulations.

Use of Emergency Warning Devices

Members operating Department vehicles shall make minimum use of emergency warning devices consistent with the safe performance of police functions, and shall contact the Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC) for authorization prior to activating emergency warning devices, except as indicated below:

- When dispatched to a "Code 1" assignment; when in the opinion of the operator, an emergency exists or is imminent, or the activation of emergency warning devices is necessary to protect life or render necessary police service, and the situation is such that contacting the Public Safety Communications Center is impractical or impossible;
- The use of emergency beacon lights only is authorized, without obtaining approval, under the below listed circumstances:

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- a. At the scene of an incident where the utilization of beacon lights will serve as a necessary warning for the protection of life (such as a fire, traffic accident, or disaster);
 - b. When it is necessary to use Department vehicles as protective barriers; and
 - c. As a visual signal to attract the attention of motorists being stopped because of traffic violations or for other law enforcement purposes.
3. In the above cases, the operator shall contact the Public Safety Communications Center at the first opportunity and advise the dispatcher of the circumstances surrounding the use of emergency devices.
 4. Each operator initiated use of emergency warning devices shall be recorded as an assignment on the PD Form 775 (Daily Vehicle Inspection and Activity Report), except when using the emergency beacon light only as authorized above.
 5. Operators of emergency vehicles shall deactivate all emergency warning devices immediately upon arrival at the scene of a call for police service, or when the need for the activation of warning devices ceases.

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