

## EMERGENCY VEHICLE DESIGNATIONS

### 1.01 PURPOSE

The purpose of this regulation is to establish procedures for the designation of emergency vehicles by the Pennsylvania State Police.

### 1.02 SCOPE

This regulation applies to all Emergency Vehicle Designations. Vehicles which are specifically listed within Vehicle Code Section 102 as emergency vehicles do not require written designation.

### 1.03 AUTHORITY

Vehicle Code Section 6106, effective **August 25, 2001**, states: "The Pennsylvania State Police may designate any vehicle or group of vehicles as emergency vehicles upon a finding that the designation is necessary to the preservation of life or property or to the execution of emergency governmental functions."

### 1.04 APPLICATION

A. Procedure: Application for an Emergency Vehicle Designation shall be made to the Pennsylvania State Police on the Application for Emergency Vehicle Designation, Form SP 6-115.

1. Application forms may be obtained from:

Pennsylvania State Police  
Director, Bureau of Patrol  
1800 Elmerton Avenue  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania **17110**

2. **Members may also obtain application forms for the public from the PSPiNet, or refer them to the Pennsylvania State Police public website at [www.psp.state.pa.us](http://www.psp.state.pa.us).**

3. Applications shall be notarized and submitted in duplicate.
  4. The Bureau of Patrol has been delegated the authority for approval or disapproval of applications. Applicants will be notified by mail of the disposition of the application.
- B. Form: Refer to **Appendage A** for an example of the Application for Emergency Vehicle Designation.

1.05 ELIGIBILITY

- A. Considerations: The following vehicles may qualify for an Emergency Vehicle Designation:
1. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and local emergency management organization vehicles.
  2. Bona fide rescue organization vehicles.
  3. **Department of Corrections vehicles used by members of the Department's Hostage Rescue Teams, Hostage Negotiation Teams, Corrections Emergency Response Teams, Corrections Rifle Specialist Teams, and Central Office Special Teams Coordinator.**
- B. Exclusions: Private vehicles of the following persons will not be considered for an Emergency Vehicle Designation:
1. Volunteer firemen, fire commissioners, fire inspectors, fire police, fire engineers, other fire department or fire company personnel, and members of rescue organizations.
  2. Police, special police, auxiliary police, part-time police, constables, security police, and campus police.
  3. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, local emergency management organization, or disaster control personnel.

4. Red Cross personnel.
  5. Military personnel.
  6. **Department of Corrections, its personnel, and members of its Hostage Rescue Teams, Hostage Negotiation Teams, Corrections Emergency Response Teams, Corrections Rifle Specialist Teams, and Central Office Special Teams Coordinator.**
- C. Restriction: A designation will be issued only for a vehicle owned or leased by the applicant.

1.06 RED LIGHT(S) AND AUDIBLE WARNING SYSTEM

All equipment authorized or required by the Vehicle Code for emergency vehicles shall conform to Title 67, Pennsylvania Code.

1.07 TERMINATION OR CANCELLATION

- A. Conditions: Designations shall remain valid until terminated or cancelled. The Commissioner may cancel an Emergency Vehicle Designation under the following conditions, or for any other reasonable grounds.
1. Termination, for any reason, of any condition which entitled the holder to the designation.
  2. The sale or destruction of the vehicle for which the designation was issued.
  3. A violation of any of the conditions applying to such designation or stated in these regulations.
  4. In the case of vehicles designated by the State Police as emergency vehicles, a conviction against the driver for any violation of the Vehicle Code or Crimes Code.
- B. Return: Terminated or cancelled Emergency Vehicle Designations shall be returned to the Director, Bureau of Patrol, by the designee.

- C. Proprietor: All Emergency Vehicle Designations are the property of the Pennsylvania State Police. Terminated or cancelled designations may be seized, and shall be forwarded to the Director, Bureau of Patrol.

1.08 VEHICLE CODE STATUTES REGARDING EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACTIVITIES

Points of Reference: The following are points of reference in the Vehicle Code:

- A. Section 102: Definitions.
- B. Section 3105: Drivers of emergency vehicles.
- C. Section 3111: Obedience to traffic-control devices.
- D. Section 3325: Duty of driver on approach of emergency vehicle.
- E. Section 3548: Pedestrians to yield to emergency vehicles.
- F. Section 4571: Visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles.
- G. Section 4925: Width of projecting loads on passenger vehicles.
- H. Section 6106: Designation of emergency vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police.