



RAMPART

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Rampart vehicle lighting

Rampart emergency response vehicles including personally owned vehicles (POV) may require auxiliary emergency lighting in various situations (outlined in section 3). This documents details Rampart emergency light usage.

Section 1- Rampart vehicles.

Rampart Search and rescue utilizes (2) two sets of designated vehicles which may encompass emergency lighting and markings.

Rampart Member Vehicle - Vehicles operating (white, amber and red lights)

Member vehicles are owned and operated by individual members of the team. The use of any lighting and markings needs to be approved by the Board Members of Rampart Search and Rescue. These vehicles are the sole responsibility of the driver, however if any markings or lights are added to a member vehicle, Rampart may be held responsible for the actions of the driver. It is for this reason that the board be notified before any markings or lights are added to the vehicle. Please use the attached forms denoting your intent.

Authorized Emergency Vehicle - Vehicles operating (Red and Blue lights, in addition to other colors)

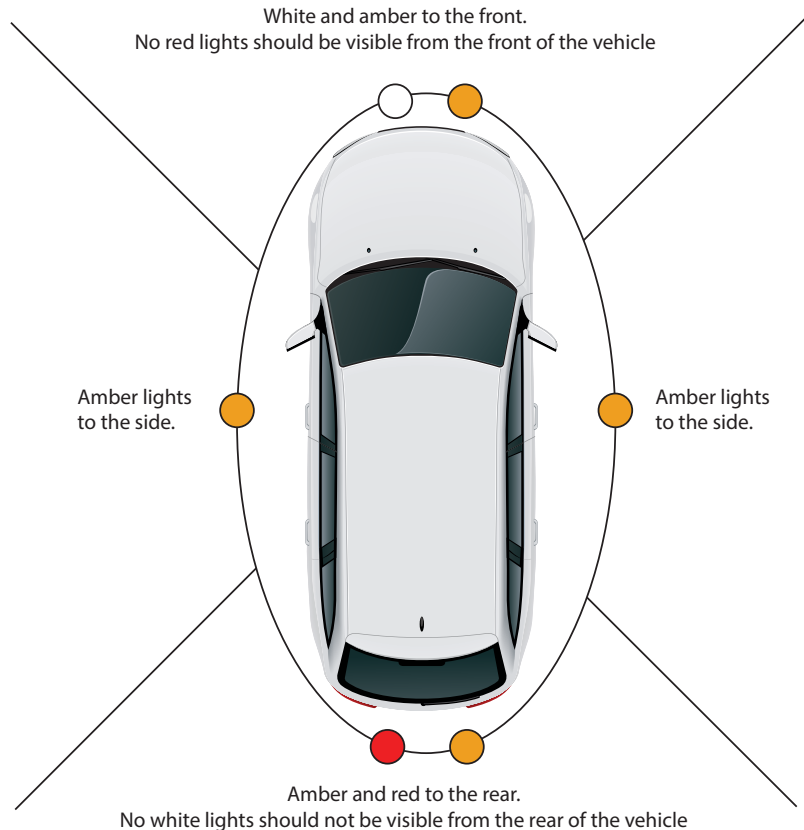
Authorized Emergency Vehicles as defined in the Colorado Revised Statutes, Title 42, are emergency response vehicles authorized by the State of Colorado Motor Vehicle Department. This certification must be renewed and be displayed on the windshield of the vehicle at all times (EV sticker).

At Rampart only the mission coordinators should have blue and red lights. Before submitting for a request of Authorized Emergency Vehicle, the member must notify the board of their intentions. If approved by the board, it must then be approved by the Adams County Sheriffs Office. Under no circumstance shall any member install red and blue emergency lights on their vehicle unbeknown

to the board of directors, doing so may lead to expulsion from the group and police intervention. Criminal penalties may be handed out if caught by law enforcement.

Section 2- General guidelines for the use of lights.

- Lights shall have sufficient intensity to be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight.
- One or more warning lamps mounted as high as possible, capable of displaying in all directions one or more flashing, oscillating, or rotating yellow lights.
- Only yellow, red and white lamps and no other color or combination of colors shall be used as a warning lamp on Rampart member vehicles.
- Installation of all equipment, lighting, and communications should be verified/or installed with R26 (Mike Councill)
- All vehicles operating Rampart / SAR markings or lights are subject to vehicle inspection for safety and compliance.



Section 3 - When to use emergency lights.

Emergency lighting should only be used in cases when a threat of injury or death exists to the general public or self.

- Amber lights are required to operate in the I-70 corridor during snow events.
- During weather events when visibility is poor.
- When stopped or moving slowly in traffic.
- To protect an accident from incoming traffic.
- When advised to block or temporarily close a road.
- Any time when your visibility can alert drivers or bystanders to a potential or existing danger.

Cases of exemption exist during display of show, such as during parades, PR events and training under appropriate circumstances only.

Under no other circumstance should emergency lights be used in a non-emergency situation. Flashing lights may distract drivers and has the potential to cause accidents resulting in injury or death.

Remember: Cause no harm!

APPENDIX

Colorado Revised Statutes, Title 42: Vehicles and Traffic; Regulation of Vehicles and Traffic, Part 2: Equipment

238. Blue and red lights - illegal use or possession. (1) A person shall not be in actual physical control of a vehicle, except an authorized emergency vehicle as defined in section 42-1-102 (6), that the person knows contains a lamp or device that is designed to display, or that is capable of displaying if affixed or attached to the vehicle, a red or blue light visible directly in front of the center of the vehicle. (2) It shall be an affirmative defense that the defendant was: (a) A peace officer as described in section 16-2.5-101, C.R.S.; or (b) In actual physical control of a vehicle expressly authorized by a chief of police or sheriff to contain a lamp or device that is designed to display, or that is capable of displaying if affixed or attached to the vehicle, a red or blue light visible from directly in front of the center of the vehicle; or (c) A member of a volunteer fire department or a volunteer ambulance service who possesses a permit from the fire chief of the fire department or chief executive officer of the ambulance service through which the volunteer serves to operate a vehicle pursuant to section 222 (1) (b); or (d) A vendor who exhibits, sells, or offers for sale a lamp or device designed to display, or that is capable of displaying, if affixed or attached to the vehicle, a red or blue light; or (e) A collector of fire engines, fire suppression vehicles, or ambulances and the vehicle to which the red or blue lamps were affixed is valued for the vehicle's historical interest or as a collector's item. (3) A violation of this section is a class 1 misdemeanor.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Transportation Commission RULES GOVERNING AUTHORIZED SERVICE VEHICLES ON PUBLIC STREETS, HIGHWAYS, AND ROADWAYS 2 CCR 601-20 [Editor's Notes follow the text of the rules at the end of this CCR Document.]

Statement of Basis and Purpose and Statutory Authority These rules are promulgated pursuant to the authority granted to the Department of Transportation pursuant to § 42-4-214(5) C.R.S. (2011). The purpose of these amendments is to update existing rules in conformance with current practice and statute concerning Authorized Service Vehicles. Section 42-4-214 (5) C.R.S. (2011) authorizes the Department of Transportation to promulgate rules with regard to Authorized Service Vehicles. These rules apply to all Authorized Service Vehicles when operating in Colorado on or along a highway, roadway or public street. 1.00 Definitions 1.01 "Authorized Emergency Vehicle" shall mean such vehicles of the fire department, police vehicles, ambulances, and other special-purpose vehicles as are publicly owned and operated by or for a government agency to protect and preserve life and property in accordance with state laws regulating emergency vehicles; said term also means the following if equipped and operated as emergency vehicles in the manner prescribed by state law: (a) Privately owned vehicles as are designated by the state motor vehicle licensing agency necessary to the preservation of life and property; or (b) Privately owned tow trucks approved by the public utilities commission to respond to vehicle emergencies. See § 42-1-102(6) C.R.S. (2011). 1.02 "Authorized Service Vehicle" shall mean such highway or traffic maintenance vehicle as is publicly owned and operated on a highway by or for a governmental agency the function of which requires the use of service vehicle warning lights as prescribed by state law and such other vehicles having a public service function, including, but not limited to, public utility

vehicles and tow trucks, as determined by the Department of Transportation under § 42-4-214(5) C.R.S. (2011). Some vehicles may be designated as both an Authorized Emergency Vehicle and an Authorized Service Vehicle. See § 42-1-102(7) C.R.S. (2011). 1.03 "Department" shall mean the Department of Transportation created by §43-1-102(2) C.R.S. (2011). 2.00 Authority to Designate as Authorized Service Vehicle 2.01 The Department's Chief Engineer or his/her designee is authorized to determine which vehicles should be designated as Authorized Service Vehicles. Code of Colorado Regulations 2 2.02 The Chief Engineer or his/her designee shall make the determination upon the advice and recommendation of the Department's Maintenance and Operations Branch and Staff Traffic Branch. 2.03 The Department may designate as Authorized Service Vehicles both publicly owned and operated or privately owned vehicles having a public service function, including public service vehicles and tow trucks. 2.04 The Department shall determine which types of vehicles render an essential public service when operating on or along a roadway and warrant designation as Authorized Service Vehicles under specified conditions, including, without limitation, vehicles that sell or apply chains or other equipment to motor vehicles necessary to enable compliance with § 42-4-106 C.R.S. (2011). See § 42-4-215(5) C.R.S. (2011). 2.05 Local government entities shall have the authority to designate Authorized Service Vehicles within their jurisdictions. 3.00 Types of Vehicles Which May be Designated an Authorized Service Vehicle 3.01 Authorized Service Vehicles may include, but not be limited to: 3.01.1 Any vehicle designated as an Authorized Service Vehicle by the Department; 3.01.2 Vehicle Recovery Units (including commercially operated vehicles and identified by insignia or equipment); 3.01.3 Pilot Escort vehicles escorting mobile homes, oversize equipment or wide loads as defined in §42-4-510 and 511C.R.S.; 3.01.4 Public utility vehicles operated by companies described in § 39-4-101, C.R.S. such as those providing power, light, telephone and sanitation services; 3.01.5 Tow trucks or wreckers; 3.01.6 Tree service equipment; or 3.01.7 Land Surveyor Vehicles 4.00 Requirements for Warning Lights 4.01 Every Authorized Service Vehicle shall, in addition to any other required equipment, be equipped with: 4.01.1 One or more warning lamps mounted as high as possible, capable of displaying in all directions one or more flashing, oscillating, or rotating yellow lights. 4.01.2 Only yellow and white lamps and no other color or combination of colors shall be used as a warning lamp on an Authorized Service Vehicle. White lamps may be used on a light bar to heighten the visibility of the yellow lamps. 4.01.3 With regard to 7.01.1 above, a snowplow designated as an Authorized Service Vehicle operated by a general purpose government may also be equipped with and use no more than two flashing, oscillating, or rotating blue lights as warning lamps. Code of Colorado Regulations 3 4.01.4 Lighted directional signs used by police and highway departments to direct or control traffic need not be visible except to the front or rear. 4.01.5 Lights shall have sufficient intensity to be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight. 4.02 Only Authorized Emergency Vehicles shall be authorized to use a red light or lights alone or in combination with blue, white, or blue in combination with white. 4.03 Authorized Service Vehicles determined to operate also as Authorized Emergency Vehicles shall be equipped to comply with signal requirements for Authorized Emergency Vehicles. 5.00 Penalties 5.01 Any person who violates any provision of these rules commits a class B traffic infraction.