



# ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## Use of Blue Lights During Emergency Response

### 1.0 PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the use of blue lights while responding to Fire Department Emergencies. This document applies to all Township Fire Companies.

### 2.0 RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility to ensure that the actions described in this procedure are carried out belong to the following.

**2.1** Company Members

**2.2** Company Officers

### 3.0 PROCEDURE

**3.1** Fire Company members may each equip one motor vehicle with no more than two flashing or revolving blue lights, under the following conditions:

**3.1.1** The names of the firefighters shall be submitted to the nearest station of the Pennsylvania State Police on a list signed by the chief of the fire company

**3.1.2** The manner in which the lights are displayed and their intensity shall be determined by the policies and procedures of each fire company.

**3.1.3** The lights shall be operable by the driver from inside the vehicle.

**3.1.4** The lights may be used only while en route to or at the scene of a fire or emergency call.

**3.1.5** The lights shall be removed from the vehicle immediately upon receipt of notice from the chief of the fire company to remove the lights and/or upon termination of the person's status as an active volunteer firefighter, or when the vehicle is no longer used in connection with the person's duties as a volunteer firefighter.

**3.1.6** The use of blue lights does not relieve the driver from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons and to follow all laws pertaining to the operation of a

motor vehicle. The use of a blue light simply requests the right-of-way.

- 3.2** This procedure complies with The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, Title 75, Part IV, Chapter 45, Subchapter D, §4572. Visual signals on authorized vehicles.

#### **4.0 RECORDS**

- 4.1** List of authorized blue light users
- 4.2** The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, Title 75, Part IV, Chapter 45, Subchapter D, §4572.