

Blue Light Laws

Who – Ambulance personnel, firefighters (includes Fire Police), owners & handlers of dogs used in tracking humans, and certified Search & Rescue.

How Many – One vehicle only, one or two blue lights or one lightbar containing only blue lights.

One blue light – A fixture containing one or more bulbs, which, when activated, produces one point of light to a viewer.

A lightbar – A fixture containing more than one light which provides multiple points of light to a viewer. There is no distinction between a mini-bar and a full size lightbar.

Alley lights, Take-Down lights or any other clear steady-burn lights are prohibited.

No other colors other than blue may be used. For example, amber flashers or clear rotators are NOT permitted to be used in conjunction with blue lights.

Mounting – may be permanent, hook-on or magnetic. MUST be on roof of vehicle or on a pipe not exceeding 18” above the vehicle. **NO dash lights!**

Strobes in the headlights, taillights, turn signals, etc are *prohibited*.

360 degree visibility is required.

An illuminated switch or pilot indicator is required. Wiring must be fused separately.

\$100 to \$500 Fine

Red Light Laws

Personal cars of: Fire Chief, First Assistant, if 3 or more fire vehicles, a Second or Third Assistant; Fire Police Captain and Lieutenant, Ambulance Captain and Lieutenant (one of each rank ONLY).

Must have one or more red lights and a siren. May have spotlights, amber lights, clear lights, wig-wag headlights and a traffic-control signal device.

Mounting – may be permanent, hook-on or magnetic. Placement on roof of vehicle, on a pipe not exceeding 18” above the vehicle, in front of or behind the grille or on the front fenders facing sideways (intersection lights). *Must* be visible 360 degrees. **No Dash Lights!**

May include alley lights, take-down lights, work lights or other clear steady burn lights; however, must be off while in motion.

May be equipped with amber traffic-control emergency directional light assembly, mounted on lightbar, on rear deck, or on trunk lid.

An illuminated switch or pilot indicator is required for each light (including alley lights, floodlights, etc). Wiring must be fused separately.

Clear Light – may have one, or two if inside of a lightbar. Wig-wag headlights are OK, but high beam activation must override flashing signal.

Amber lights – limited to two; should be on rear or facing rear of vehicle.

Use while responding to or at the scene of a fire or emergency call. May be used exiting or entering official driveway. May be used in the interest of public safety – but *must show danger to public*, by driving or placement of vehicle.

\$500 to \$1,000 Fine