

Central Joint Fire District

Standard Operating Procedure



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SUBJECT: Vehicle Inspections - Personal

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this standard is to define the rules and regulations under which private vehicles are to be inspected.

SCOPE: All department members are to adhere to this standard.

ENFORCEMENT: The Fire Chief shall be responsible to enforce this standard.

APPLICATION:

1. The Fire Chief shall appoint a member of this department to serve as the Department Inspector, said member shall serve in that capacity until replaced, at which time the Fire Chief shall notify the State Fire Marshal's Office in writing of said change.
2. The Department Inspector shall conduct the necessary vehicle inspections in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Standard Operating procedures of this Department, and the State Fire Marshal's Office.
3. All personal vehicles used as "Public Safety Vehicles" shall be inspected annually by the Department Inspector and shall have the Maltese Cross and Rectangular Validation sticker for that current year displayed in the lower right hand corner of the windshield prior to operating as "Public Safety Vehicle".
4. It shall be the responsibility of the individual member to remove the Maltese Cross and Validation Sticker from the windshield when said vehicle is no longer owned or used by that member as a "Public Safety Vehicle".
5. The following shall stand as a minimum standard of emergency equipment for certification of a vehicle as a "Public Safety Vehicle". The vehicle shall also conform to any applicable State and/or Federal laws the same as any other privately owned vehicle.

A. Emergency Lights

1. Roof Mounted Lights shall be capable of displaying a flashing red or combination red/white light visible 360 under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 ft.

2. Dash Mounted Lights are not recommended, however may be used. They shall be capable of displaying a flashing red or combination red/white light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 ft. to the front of the vehicle. They shall have in place at all times a shield to protect the drivers vision of road conditions.

3. Accessory Lights may be used only as a secondary warning device as long as they are mounted in a manner that will not impair the driver's vision.

B. Audible Warning Devices

1. Mechanical Siren shall be mounted so as to emit an oscillating sound audible under normal atmospheric conditions at a distance not less than 500 ft. to the front of the vehicle.

2. Electronic Siren shall be audible under normal atmospheric conditions at a distance not less than 500 ft. to the front of the vehicle. It shall be rated at a minimum of 58 watts output power.

3. Horns, Whistles, and Bells may be used, but shall not be the primary warning device.