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