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ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND PROCEDURE NOTICE # 2/94

TO: All Staff
FROM: Mary G. Carr
DATE: April 26, 1994
SUBJECT: Designation of Emergency Vehicles

SUPERSEDES: Administration Policy & Procedure Notice #10/92

SPECIFICS:

At present, five (5) of the Department's Official Vehicles have been designated emergency response vehicles. As such, these cars are fully equipped with the following permanent emergency response features: flashing red lights; sirens; Fire Department Communication Systems; and Fire Department shields.

In the State of New York, flashing red lights must be used in conjunction with sirens. It is therefore unlawful to operate flashing red lights without sirens. It is also unlawful in the State of New York to operate sirens on vehicles which have not been designated emergency response vehicles.

In accordance with the Vehicle and Traffic Laws of the State of New York, the Department of Buildings recognizes only those vehicles which (a) it has designated emergency response vehicles, (Cars #38; #92; #401; #538; #602); (b) are equipped with permanent emergency response features; and (c) have been so registered as emergency response vehicles with the New York City Police Department.

The operation of any form of portable emergency response equipment is strictly prohibited. (Such equipment includes but is not limited to portable flashing red lights made operable via connection to dashboard cigarette lighter sockets.) Failure to operate Official Vehicles in compliance with the Vehicle and Traffic Laws of the State of New York, and in compliance with the provisions of this Policy and Procedure Notice, will result in the loss of authorization to drive Official Vehicles. Furthermore, the matter will be referred for disciplinary action as appropriate.