

Legal – Emergency Vehicles

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Legal Division

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Memorandum

To: Nebraska Law Enforcement Agencies

From: Rhonda Lahm, Director
Department of Motor Vehicles

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Emergency Vehicles

Sheriff may designate “authorized emergency vehicles”

This memorandum reiterates and extends the memorandum of November 30, 1988, which explained the position of the Department of Motor Vehicles in regard to the designation of emergency vehicles.

The following vehicles are generically classified as “authorized emergency vehicles” under Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 60-610: fire department vehicles, police vehicles, and ambulances.

Any vehicle that does not neatly fit into one of the above generic classifications is subject to examination and authorization by the sheriff. The sheriff is designated by the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles under Attorney General Opinion #88038 to authorize emergency vehicles pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 60-610.