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Standard Operating Guidelines

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Purpose: To establish a set of minimum requirements and procedures for the proper usage of warning lights on personal vehicles while responding to the fire house or fire scene.

Note: No policy or procedure of the King of Prussia Vol. Fire Company can supersede any local, state, or federal law. It should be understood by all members that while responding to the fire station or a fire scene you are liable for any accident and/or injury caused by negligence on your part. The use of a warning device does not exempt you from this liability.

Policy/Procedure:

The King of Prussia Vol. Fire Company cannot dictate what a member purchases with his/her own money or what a member does to his/her personal vehicle. The following policy and guidelines are those adopted by the King of Prussia Vol. Fire Company, and any deviation from these policies and guidelines are not recognized by the King of Prussia Vol. Fire Company.

Warning Lights:

1. The only warning light on a personal vehicle recognized by the King of Prussia Vol. Fire Company will be of a type or style that is mounted on the roof of the vehicle and has a light beacon that is visible for 360 degrees. The light can be a totaling beacon or a flashing light.
2. No more than two warning lights are to be mounted on the exterior of any vehicle.
3. Warning lights are to be all the same color, either red or blue. No color combinations are acceptable.
4. If a red light is to be used, a siren must be utilized as well.
5. The King of Prussia Vol. Fire Company shall purchase approved warning lights and siren(s) for officers and shall install these devices

Response Procedures:

1. When responding to any fire/emergency all traffic laws shall be obeyed. Warning lights and sirens do not exempt any responder from prevailing traffic laws.
2. Responders displaying a red light may, after stopping, proceed through red lights and stop signs with caution after coming to a complete stop.
3. Blue lights do not give the responder the authority to go through red lights or stop signs. Blue lights are courtesy lights only. These lights are intended to act as a warning to other drivers that an emergency response is in progress. Neither the King of Prussia Vol. Fire Company nor Upper Merion Township shall be responsible legally or financially for any accident involving an emergency responder who willfully goes through a red light or stop sign.