

WVOEMS Private Emergency Vehicle Permit Policy

PURPOSE:

To establish standards for the submission and approval of WVOEMS private emergency vehicle permits per §17C.

DEFINITIONS:

"Authorized emergency vehicle" means vehicles of a fire department, duly chartered rescue squad, police department, ambulance service, state, county or municipal agency and such privately owned ambulances, tow trucks, wreckers, flag car services, vehicles providing road service to disabled vehicles, service vehicles of a public service corporation, postal service vehicles, snow removal equipment, Class A vehicles of firefighters, Class A vehicles of members of ambulance services, and Class A vehicles of members of duly chartered rescue squads, and all other emergency vehicles as are designated by the agency responsible for the operation and control of these persons or organizations. Class A vehicles are as defined by section one, article ten, chapter seventeen-a of this code. Agency authorization and emergency equipment are defined in section twenty-six, article fifteen, chapter seventeen-c of this code. Agencies responsible for issuing authorization for emergency vehicle permits may promulgate such regulations that are necessary for the issuance of permits for emergency vehicles.

POLICY:

§17C-15-26.3.G states authorization for members of ambulance services or any other emergency medical service personnel to operate Class A vehicles shall be designated by their chief official, the Department of Health and Human Resources and the sheriff of the county of residence.

- A. It shall be left up to individual agencies that provide emergent response to determine the benefit of private emergency vehicle permits. If a provider is disqualified from operating agency emergency vehicles, they shall not be a candidate for a private emergency vehicle permit.
- B. The use of private emergency vehicle can help expedite care in an emergent situation. Applicants for a WVOEMS private emergency vehicle permit shall be trained and certified to provide such care. The issuance of a private emergency vehicle permits shall only be to current certified providers.
- C. Personal vehicles shall be registered to the responder. It shall have a valid WV registration and inspection. No out of state registration shall be accepted.
- D. Personal vehicles shall carry full comprehensive insurance coverage.
- E. Applicants shall maintain a valid West Virginia drivers license.
- F. WVOEMS shall maintain a database of all issued and revoked personal emergency vehicle permits and reserves the right to revoke said permit at any time.

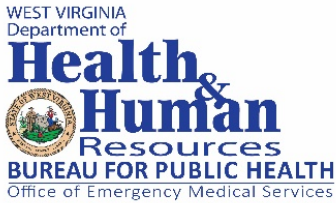
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PROCEDURE:

- A. All candidates shall complete the approved WVOEMS private emergency vehicle permit application and submit it to their chief official for approval/denial.
- B. Upon approval of the agency's chief official, the WVOEMS private emergency vehicle permit application shall be advanced to the respective county's sheriff for review and approval/denial.
- C. If approval is granted by the agency's chief official and the county sheriff, the application shall be submitted to WVOEMS for review and a permit decal issued within thirty (30) days of receipt.
- D. Permits shall be displayed on the lower right corner of the rear glass of the vehicle.

VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Private emergency vehicles shall follow all requirements and exemptions outlined in §17C.
- B. Vehicle must have a functioning audible and visual alerting device define in §17C-2-5 as a bell, siren, or exhaust whistle as may be reasonably necessary, and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one lighted flashing lamp as authorized by section twenty-six, which is visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred feet to the front of such vehicle, except that an authorized emergency vehicle operated as a police vehicle need not be equipped with or display a warning light visible from in front of the vehicle.
- C. The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequences of his reckless disregard for the safety of others.
- D. All warning lights for WVOEMS approved private emergency vehicle permits shall display RED lights only. No clear lights shall be allowed on private vehicles.



PRIVATE EMERGENCY VEHICLE PERMIT APPLICATION

Please print or type.
The application must be fully
completed to be considered.
**Submit completed application to
the WVOEMS**

Personal Information

Name:		Certification Number:	
Address	City	State	Zip
Phone Number:	Email Address:		
Cell Number:			
Are you a WV Resident? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		Have you ever been arrested or convicted of any criminal offense excluding minor traffic violations? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Have you ever had any action taken against any professional license or certification you currently hold or have held in the past?			YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Agency Affiliation

Department You Represent:		Years Associated	
Agency Address:	City	State	Zip
Chief Official Name:		Phone:	

County Sheriff Department

County:			
Agency Address:	City	State	Zip
County Sheriff Name:		Phone:	

***Signatures below indicate that the applicant has met all qualification outlined in the WVOEMS Private Emergency Vehicle Permit policy. Private emergency vehicle permits are a privilege and may be revoked at any time by the county sheriff, EMS agency, or the West Virginia Office of EMS.**

Signatures

The signatures below certify that the information is true and complete. If information is found to be inaccurate, an audit will be ordered.

Applicant Signature:	Date:
Agency Chief Official Signature:	Date:
County Sheriff Signature:	Date:

WVOEMS use only

Date Approved:	Permit Number:
Approving Official Signature:	