



INDOT EMERGENCY VEHICLE DESIGNATION POLICY

Policy Department: Traffic Management Division

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The Indiana Department of Transportation (“INDOT”) has statutory authority under Indiana Code to designate certain vehicles as an emergency vehicle. This Policy provides the procedures, rules, and conditions governing Emergency Vehicle Designations made by INDOT.

PURPOSE

In accordance with Indiana Code §9-21-20-1, the purpose of the Policy is to establish the procedures, rules, and conditions associated with the designation and use of certain vehicles as emergency vehicles. It is INDOT’s intent to make every effort to provide clear rules and consistent application of the Policy.

SCOPE

This Policy is managed by INDOT’s Traffic Management Division. In accordance with §9-21-20-1, this Policy applies to vehicles, other than ambulances owned by a person other than a hospital, that are used in emergency service.

AUTHORITY

Indiana Code §9-21-20-1; §9-19-14

DEFINITIONS

Emergency Vehicle: A vehicle, other than ambulances owned by a person other than a hospital, equipped with devices detailed in §9-19-14 including, but not limited to specialized lamps, lights, sirens, whistles, and other specialty devices particular to the conspicuous operation of vehicles engaged in emergency service.

Sponsoring Agency: The entity or person applying for emergency vehicle designation status. The Sponsoring Agency is responsible to comply with the Emergency Vehicle Designation (“EVD”) Policy, specifically all procedures, rules, and conditions, and also any related state statutes.

VIN: Vehicle Identification Number

POLICY STATEMENT

This Policy supplements the applicable Indiana Code by establishing the procedures, rules, and conditions that INDOT will use to designate certain vehicles as emergency vehicles. Failure to obtain the required approval or failure to adhere to the *INDOT Emergency Vehicle Designation Policy’s* procedures, rules, and conditions, and also any related Indiana statutes may subject the Sponsoring Agency to suspension or revocation of its vehicles’ emergency vehicle status. If INDOT determines that a Sponsoring Agency’s vehicle’s EVD status is subject to suspension or revocation, INDOT will issue a suspension or revocation letter stating the reasons for suspension or revocation.

An EVD is non-transferable. If the registration of a vehicle designated as an emergency vehicle changes, the vehicle automatically loses its EVD status.

The Sponsoring Agency must agree to the following Procedures, Rules, and Conditions:

PROCEDURES

- The Sponsoring Agency shall direct all requests to activate, deactivate, or renew their EVD to the INDOT Traffic Management Division Director or their designee.
- The Sponsoring Agency’s application should be reviewed by INDOT within 30-days of receipt of the application.
- After an application denial, a suspension, or a revocation, the Sponsoring Agency may reapply for EVD status after six (6) months from the date of denial, suspension, or revocation. The

reapplication shall include information, documentation or both, demonstrating that the Sponsoring Agency has resolved all issues. There is no guarantee INDOT will reinstate a vehicle(s).

- The Sponsoring Agency shall contact the Director of the INDOT Traffic Management Division or their designee if a vehicle with emergency vehicle status is removed from service for any reason. The Sponsoring Agency has twenty (20) calendar days from the date the vehicle is removed from service to complete this notification.
- The EVD expiration date will be clearly stated in approval letters. An EVD for a new vehicle will expire on the December 31st following 10 years after the date of issuance. The older the vehicle, the shorter the period in which the EVD will expire, but always on December 31, in accordance with the following:

VIN Model Year Age	EVD Expiration
0 to 1 year	→ December 31 st following 10-years after date of EVD issuance.
2 to 3 years	→ December 31 st following 9-years after date of EVD issuance.
4 to 5 years	→ December 31 st following 8-years after date of EVD issuance.
6 to 7 years	→ December 31 st following 7-years after date of EVD issuance.
8 to 9 years	→ December 31 st following 6-years after date of EVD issuance.
10 to 11 years	→ December 31 st following 5-years after date of EVD issuance.
12 to 13 years	→ December 31 st following 4-years after date of EVD issuance.
14 to 15 years	→ December 31 st following 3-years after date of EVD issuance.
16 to 17 years	→ December 31 st following 2-years after date of EVD issuance.
18 years or more	→ December 31 st following 1-year after date of EVD issuance.

This applies to both activation requests and renewal requests.

- The Sponsoring Agency acknowledges that they shall monitor the expiration of the EVD, notify the INDOT Traffic Management Division Director or their designee when vehicles with EVD are no longer in service, and apply for a renewal of the EVD for continued use when needed in accordance with the Procedures noted in the *INDOT Emergency Vehicle Designation Policy*.
- If the applicant is unable to comply with the *INDOT Emergency Vehicle Designation Policy*, the Applicant or Sponsoring Agency shall provide a completed and notarized *INDOT EVD – Sheriff’s Department Acknowledgment* form with their application.

RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. The Sponsoring Agency shall adhere to the *INDOT Emergency Vehicle Designation Policy*, the requisite procedures, rules, and conditions governing the use of EVD listed in the Policy, and all related state and local statutes affecting the use of an EVD vehicle.
2. The Sponsoring Agency acknowledges that INDOT may revoke an EVD at any time for any reason.
3. The designated vehicle(s) must be owned or leased and registered to a division of an Indiana state, county or municipal government.
4. The designated vehicle(s) are authorized to have lighting configurations involving red, white, and yellow in accordance with Indiana Code §9-19-14; designated vehicles shall not have any lighting configurations using any combination of red/blue lighting patterns.
5. The designated vehicle(s) shall have a siren and other equipment as required by Indiana Code §9-19-14.
6. The designated vehicle(s) shall be used in emergency mode only for the type of emergencies or for official business, and driven in emergency mode only by officially trained personnel as described in the Sponsoring Agency’s application.
7. The designated vehicle(s) shall not be used in the “pursuit” or “pulling over” of any person or vehicle.

8. The Sponsoring Agency shall ensure that personnel operating the EVD shall be trained in the safe and legal operation of the vehicle.
9. The Sponsoring Agency shall ensure that personnel operating the EVD shall be trained in the safe and proper use of emergency vehicle devices.
10. The Sponsoring Agency is responsible for maintaining the designated vehicle(s) in a safe mechanical operating condition.
11. The Sponsoring Agency is fully liable and responsible for the safe and legal operation of their vehicle designated as an emergency vehicle.
12. The Sponsoring Agency, upon request by INDOT, shall present any EVD vehicle to INDOT for the purpose of verifying the proper function of the vehicle and emergency devices. Failure to present the vehicle may result in the revocation of the EVD for the vehicle.
13. The Sponsoring Agency acknowledges that they will monitor the expiration of the EVD, notify the INDOT Traffic Management Division Director or their designee when vehicles with EVD are no longer in service, and apply for a renewal of the EVD for continued use when needed in accordance with the Procedures noted in the *INDOT Emergency Vehicle Designation Policy*.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Director of INDOT's Traffic Management Division or appointed designee is responsible for consistent application of this Policy and is authorized to make exceptions and update the Policy or program as needed.

REFERENCES

Ind. Code §9-21-20-1

Ind. Code §9-19-14

INDOT Emergency Vehicle Designation – Applicant Assurance document

APPROVAL



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