
Emergency Vehicle Equipment

707.1 EMERGENCY VEHICLES

The California Vehicle Code lists specific equipment requirements for authorized emergency vehicles (CVC25252 & CVC27002). These requirements apply to all emergency response vehicles utilized by the Barstow Police Department and all vehicles used for such response must be equipped with a minimum of at least one red forward facing solid light and a siren. Vehicles without this equipment do not qualify as emergency vehicles and shall not be utilized by Department personnel in performing police functions.

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AND USE

- (a) All emergency vehicles used by the Department for emergency police services shall be equipped with emergency lights and siren prior to assignment for police service.
- (b) No emergency vehicle shall be assigned or utilized for police service unless all required emergency equipment has been installed and is operable.
- (c) All officers shall check the emergency equipment on their assigned vehicle for proper operation and functioning of the emergency equipment prior to the beginning of their assigned shift or duty assignment.
- (d) Any officer experiencing a malfunction of the emergency equipment during their assigned use of that vehicle shall immediately report the malfunction to the watch commander and the unit shall be taken out of service and a work order completed for repair of the affected vehicle.
- (e) Only vehicles with properly operating emergency equipment shall be used for emergency police response, including vehicles previously experiencing malfunctions and sent for repair.