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Motorists are required to Yield to All Emergency Vehicles (NJSA 39:4-54.12 & 39:4-92.2)

The Franklin Lakes Police Department would like to remind all residents about Blue Light Laws and what their obligation is regarding yielding to Emergency vehicles. In New Jersey, a member of a volunteer fire company, a volunteer first aid or rescue squad or a volunteer member of the Office of Emergency Management may display and operate blue emergency warning lights only when the vehicle is being operated in response to an emergency call as part of their official duties. Police Vehicles will display a configuration of red and blue lights.

New Jersey Statute 39:4-54.12 requires that the operator of a motor vehicle shall Yield the right of way to a vehicle operating or displaying a flashing, blinking or alternating (Red, Blue or Amber) warning lights. Motorists should use caution and pull over in a safe location to allow the emergency vehicle or vehicle displaying a warning light to pass. Once the vehicle passes you, look and make sure it is safe to enter back into your lane of travel. The penalty for failing to yield to an emergency vehicle displaying warning lights is a \$54.00 fine.

New Jersey Statute 39:4-92.2 requires that the operator of a motor vehicle approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle (Police, Fire EMS, DOT or Tow Truck) that is displaying a flashing, blinking, or alternating red, blue or amber light or, any configuration of lights containing one of these colors, shall approach the authorized emergency vehicle with due caution and shall:

1. Make a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the authorized emergency vehicle if possible in the existing safety and traffic conditions ; or
2. If a lane change would be impossible, prohibited by law or unsafe, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to a reasonable and proper speed for the existing road and traffic conditions, which speed shall be less than the posted speed limit, and be prepared to stop.

A violation of this statute shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500. There are also 2 points assessed with this violation.