

BULLETIN

March 2, 2023

To: Alberta Police Services, Sheriffs and Peace Officers:

RE: Blue and Amber Lights on Tow Trucks and Maintenance Vehicles

The purpose of this communication is to provide information about extending the use of flashing blue lights to increase the visibility of tow trucks, support vehicles, snowplows and highway maintenance vehicles for five years. Effective February 28, 2023, two Registrar's Exemptions took affect, which rescinds and replaces the previous exemption dated July 20, 2022, and permits dated October 31, 2022.

Effective February 28, 2023 tow truck operators and highway maintenance vehicle operators will be allowed the optional use of blue lights, in addition to amber lights, on tow trucks and maintenance vehicles to increase their visibility and safety while working on Alberta highways. The use of blue lights alone is not authorized.

Tow trucks and support vehicles are only permitted to use their flashing lights while stationary and assisting driver's roadside, and not while driving. Vehicles used by roadside workers includes snow plows and other maintenance vehicle types, such as half-ton trucks, to maintain the highways. These vehicles are only permitted to use their flashing lights while the vehicle is conducting highway construction, inspection, maintenance or safety investigations, and not while travelling to or from the maintenance site. The optional use of the blue and amber lights will continue to be different than the lighting configurations on police vehicles (blue and red) and other emergency vehicles (red and white) to avoid confusion.

For any enquiries regarding this pilot project, please contact Transportation and Economic Corridors Permitting and Exemptions Office by e-mail at trans.exemptions@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,



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