To All Authorized Employers of Peace Officers and Peace Officers:

RE: Blue and Amber Lights on Maintenance Vehicles – One Year Pilot Project

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information regarding a pilot project authorizing blue lights on vehicles used by roadside workers who are under contract with the Government of Alberta.

Effective October 31, 2022, permits will be available to roadside workers who are under contract with the Government of Alberta. This authorizes maintenance vehicles to have the optional use of blue flashing lights. A minimum of one amber light must be on top of the vehicle, visible from all directions outside the vehicle. The use of blue lights alone is not authorized and blue lights must be mounted in a rear-facing position.

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 investigation on behalf of Alberta Transportation, 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 increase safety for emergency responders and roadside workers, the Government of Alberta introduced this one-year pilot project. The results of the pilot project and other research will help determine the best use of lights to increase safety for roadside workers.


For any inquiries regarding this pilot project, please contact Alberta Transportation Exemption Office at Trans.exemptions@gov.ab.ca. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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