# WHITE FLASHING LIGHT

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**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

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| NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI) | ***THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EMS SERVICE'S DIRECTOR*** |
| ADDRESS | PERMIT# ␣␣␣␣␣␣␣ - ␣␣␣ SERVICE # |
| CITY STATE ZIP | ISSUE DATE / / EXP. DATE / / Five Years from issue |
| DL# HOME PHONE # ( ) | SERVICE NAME |
| VEHICLE OWNER (If different than above) LICENSE PLATE # | SERVICE CITY |
| VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL YEAR COLOR | SERVICE DIRECTOR'S DAY PHONE ( ) |
| **APPLICANT CERTIFICATION** I hereby certify that the information on this permit is correct. I agree to use the white flashing light in accordance with Iowa law and administrative rules. _____ **Signature** **Date** | **SERVICE DIRECTOR APPROVAL** I hereby certify that the individual named on this permit is a member in good standing of this EMS service program. _____ **Signature** **Date** |

**(588-54-53 (7/04) WHITE –EMS PROVIDER YELLOW-SERVICE PINK-STATE OFFICE (NOTE: PERMIT MUST BE CARRIED IN VEHICLE)**


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**Completing the WHITE FLASHING LIGHT PERMIT:**

Permit#: First seven (7) blanks is service number; the last three(3) blanks is a sequential number of permits issued by the service.

**USE OF WHITE FLASHING LIGHTS:**

Iowa law permits the use of white flashing lights for identification of emergency medical care providers and service medical directors in the following circumstances:

- When responding to an emergency in the line of duty
- When at the scene of an emergency
- When transporting a patient during a disaster

White flashing light authorization certificates (permits) may also be issued for emergency medical vehicles (i.e. ambulance, first response vehicle, etc.)

**PROPER USE OF WHITE FLASHING LIGHTS:**

Displaying white flashing lights does **NOT** grant the right of way. The white flashing light is intended for identification purposes only. It does NOT permit the vehicle operator to violate laws governing vehicle operation. The white flashing light is requesting courtesy from other drivers while maneuvering through traffic. "White flashing light" means any clear or white rotating, flashing or strobe light used for identification purposes only. Under no circumstances shall a CONSTANT white light be displayed to the rear of the vehicle. White lights shall not be mounted in such a manner that obstructs the view of the vehicle operator, overburdens the vehicle's electrical system or interferes with the vision of individuals in other vehicles

The white light may be used in conjunctions with red or blue flashing lights if the appropriate permits are obtained

A permit must be issued for each vehicle. If more than one EMS provider will be using the vehicle, multiple permits are required.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

To operate a private vehicle with white lights you must maintain:

- A current vehicle registration
- Liability insurance
- A valid operator's license

Completion of a course in emergency driving techniques and the laws and rules governing emergency vehicle operation is recommended.

**VIOLATIONS:**

The service director or the department may approve or deny an application and the department may place on probation, suspend or revoke an authorization certificate if the service director or the department finds reason to believe that the applicant or certificate holder:

- Failed to follow the rules governing white flashing lights
- Has been convicted of a moving violation while using white lights
- Has utilized a white flashing light without obtaining a permit
- Does not have a valid driver's license
- Does not have a current vehicle registration