

NIAGARA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDER

EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/17/2013	SUBJECT: USE OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	Number 306.00 (NYSLEAP O-41-2; O-43-1)
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I. Purpose:

- A. To provide written guidelines for the use of authorized emergency equipment on Niagara Falls Police Department vehicles.

II. Policy:

- A. The Niagara Falls Police Department will maintain emergency equipment on both marked and unmarked vehicles. When vehicles are equipped with emergency equipment it will be used in accordance with the following guidelines.

III. Equipment:

- A. Emergency red, blue and white overhead lights – shall be used per G.O 305.00, Responding to Calls for Service.
- B. Flashing grill lights - may be used in addition to overhead lights or as hazard warning.
- C. Flashing headlights - may be used in addition to emergency overhead lights or as a hazard warning.
- D. Rear flashers and four way flashers - to be used whenever the officer's vehicle is placed in a position that warrants the warning of other motorists using the road. (e.g. scene of motor vehicle accident, blocking road obstructions)
- E. Public address system - to be used by the officer to communicate information or orders to a person or a group of people.
- F. Alley lights and spotlights - to be used for building checks and when necessary as a means of additional lighting at a traffic stop or other incidents.

- G. Takedown lights - may be used to illuminate vehicles on traffic stops.
- H. Emergency flares - all police cars will be equipped with emergency roadside flares. These flares will be used for traffic control when needed.