



General Order Number: 02-39	Effective Date: January 2010
Division: Apparatus and Equipment	
Chapter: Vehicle Exhaust Systems	
By Order of the Fire Chief: Marc S. Bashoor	Revision Date: N/A

POLICY

This General Order shall establish requirements for exhaust systems, in accordance with the Maryland Vehicle Law.

DEFINITIONS

N/A

PROCEDURES / RESPONSIBILITIES

1. General Provisions

Under Maryland Vehicle Law, there are two (2) sections that mandate requirements for exhaust systems.

Under Title 23, Subtitle 3, Preventative Maintenance Program:

Vehicles upon inspection will be failed if the exhaust system is found to be broken, cracked, leaking, missing or perforated.

Under Title 22, Sections 22-609, Modifications of Exhaust System:

A person may not modify the exhaust system or any other noise abatement device in such a way that the noise emitted by the vehicle exceeds that emitted by the vehicle as originally manufactured nor will a person drive a vehicle on any highway of the State with an exhaust system or noise abatement device modified.

No Fire/EMS Department vehicles shall have their exhaust systems modified.

Should any Fire/EMS Department vehicles already be modified, those vehicles are to be placed out of service until such time as the exhaust systems are in compliance with the Maryland Vehicle Law.

REFERENCES

Maryland Vehicle Law, Title 23, Subtitle 3, Preventative Maintenance Program

Maryland Vehicle Law, Title 22, Sections 22-609, Modifications of Exhaust System



FORMS / ATTACHMENTS

N/A