

WAC 204-36-030 Permit requirements. (1) An applicant desiring to have a vehicle registered as an authorized emergency vehicle pursuant to RCW 46.37.194 must apply for such classification to the patrol on forms provided by the patrol.

(2) The initial applicant must furnish the following information to the patrol:

(a) A description of the specific geographic area in which the vehicle(s) will be used as an authorized emergency vehicle.

(b) A copy of the registration of the vehicle(s) and proof of insurance.

(i) Each vehicle must be covered with the following minimum insurance coverage:

(A) One hundred thousand dollars of legal liability per occurrence to protect against vehicle damage.

(B) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars for liability, bodily injury or property damage per occurrence.

(ii) Proof of insurance may be provided in one of the following forms:

(A) Copy of the proof of insurance which shows the coverage and terms thereof.

(B) Letter from the underwriter of the insurance outlining the insurance coverage and vehicle(s) covered.

(c) A description of the specific purposes for which the vehicle will be used as an authorized emergency vehicle. This description must include each function for the vehicle, including, but not limited to, funeral escorts, fire response, traffic control, incident response, roadside safety and security patrols.

(d) Citation(s) to the statutory authority for the applicant to perform the functions listed under the purpose(s) for which the applicant is applying for the permit.

(e) A description of the emergency equipment to be used if the permit is granted.

(f) A listing of the names birth dates, operator's license numbers and other identifying data as may be prescribed on the application form by the patrol, of all persons who will use the vehicle(s) as an authorized emergency vehicle, a completed applicant fingerprint card, and associated fee to process the fingerprint cards for each person who operates the vehicle(s).

(g) Certification from each primary jurisdiction identified in (a) of this subsection that the vehicle is to be used as described. Such certification must:

(i) Be made by:

(A) The chief law enforcement officer if the applicant is a law enforcement or security officer, or has funeral home, coroner, ambulance or other nonfire related duties. For the patrol, the chief law enforcement officer will be the district commander that oversees the geographic area(s) under subsection (a) of this section.

(B) The fire chief if the vehicle is to be used only for fire-fighting purposes.

(C) The chief executive officer of the political subdivision of the jurisdiction, if the applicant is the chief law enforcement officer or fire chief of the jurisdiction.

(ii) State that a need exists in the jurisdiction for the vehicle to be used as described and that the certifier knows of no reason why the application should be denied.

(iii) Include the original or digital signature of all jurisdictions required under this chapter.

(h) The chief law enforcement officer or fire chief may outline restrictions for use within the jurisdiction as part of his or her approval.

(i) Upon satisfactory application the patrol may issue an emergency vehicle permit or permits which, when carried as required, are valid for one year or until revocation or suspension as prescribed in WAC 204-36-070.

(3) Renewal applications must:

(a) Be received by the patrol prior to the expiration date of the permit on forms provided by the patrol.

(b) Include all authorizations from the required jurisdictions for the geographic areas listed in the renewal application.

(c) Only list vehicle(s) and equipment for which inspection paperwork has been received by the patrol and a vehicle permit as outlined in WAC 204-36-060 has been issued by the patrol.

(d) Only list operators that have already undergone the background check required under this chapter and been approved by the patrol to operate the vehicle(s) listed.

(e) Include proof of insurance for the vehicle(s) listed under the renewal application.

(f) Include any other documentation required under this chapter.

(4) Upon satisfactory application for renewal the patrol may issue an emergency vehicle permit or permits which, when carried as required, are valid for one year or until revocation or suspension as prescribed in WAC 204-36-070.

(5) Original or renewal applications may be mailed to the patrol at Equipment and Standards Unit, General Administration Building, P.O. Box 42600, Olympia, WA 98504-2600 or the electronic record of the application may be emailed to equipment@wsp.wa.gov. Upon receipt, the patrol will review the documentation and may issue a permit if the applicant meets all the requirements outlined in this chapter. The authorized emergency vehicle permit must be carried in the vehicle at all times, and presented upon request to law enforcement.

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