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To: All Members

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Indiana Code 36-8-12-11

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1. Members of volunteer fire companies may display blue lights on their privately owned vehicles while en route to scenes of fires or other emergencies in the line of duty, subject to the following conditions:
2. A light must have a light source of at least thirty five (35) candlepower.
3. Lights may now be placed on:
 - a. the top of the vehicle
 - b. the dashboard inside, shielded to prevent distracting the driver OR
 - c. front of the vehicle upon the bumper or at bumper level.
4. No more than four (4) blue lights may be displayed on one (1) vehicle, and each blue light must be of the flashing or revolving type.
 - a. Alternately flashing head lamps may be used as a supplemental warning device. Strobe lights or flashers may be installed into the light fixtures on the vehicle other than the alternating head lamps. The strobe lights or flashers may be either white or blue, with the exception of red to the rear.
5. Blue light assembly must consist of a lamp with a blue lens, not of an uncolored lens with a blue bulb. However, a revolving light may contain multiple bulbs.
6. A blue light may not be a part of the regular head lamps displayed on the vehicles.
 - a. In order for a volunteer firefighter to display a blue light on his vehicle, he must secure a written permit from the chief of the volunteer fire company to use the blue light and must carry the permit at all times when the blue light is displayed.
 - b. A person who is not a member of a volunteer fire company may not display a blue light of any size or shape on a motor vehicle, except a school bus used to transport children to or from a public or private school.
 - c. A permittee of the owner of a vehicle lawfully equipped with a blue light may operate the vehicle only if the blue light is not illuminated.

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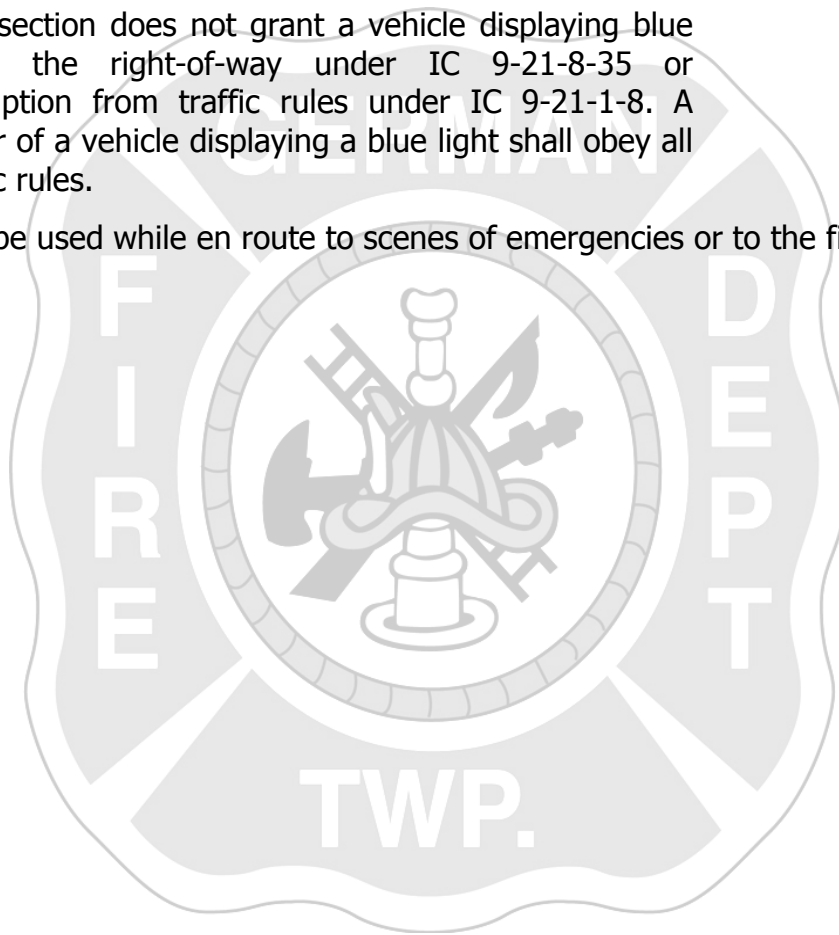
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7. A person who violates subsection (a), (b), (c), or (d) commits a Class C infraction. If a member of a volunteer fire department violates the blue light law, the chief of the department shall discipline the firefighter under fire department rules and regulations.
 - a. This section does not grant a vehicle displaying blue lights the right-of-way under IC 9-21-8-35 or exemption from traffic rules under IC 9-21-1-8. A driver of a vehicle displaying a blue light shall obey all traffic rules.
8. Lights may be used while en route to scenes of emergencies or to the fire station.



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