

## **Motor Vehicle Division Informational Memo # 22-13**

### ***Emergency Vehicle Certificates Administrative Rule Updates***

**DATE:** June 6, 2022  
**FROM:** MVD Policy & Compliance Team  
**TO:** All Motor Vehicle Division staff

#### **SUBJECT**

This informational memo explains updates to administrative rule chapter 761—451, Emergency Vehicle Certificates and is most applicable to staff involved with issuing these certificates, which designate privately-owned vehicles as authorized emergency vehicles.

#### **SUMMARY**

The amendments make technical changes to the chapter, including revising the chapter name to use the term emergency vehicle certificate rather than permit, since Iowa Code uses the term certificate, and correcting the application and submission requirements to align with current department practice. We also revised the rule regarding certificate denial to allow service of the denial by first-class mail rather than certified mail and the rule addressing limitations of the emergency vehicle certificate for towing and recovery vehicles to specifically recognize what Iowa Code section 321.231 already allows authorized emergency vehicles to do as well as clarify what was meant by a “scene of emergency” which was not clear in the prior rules.

**The administrative rule amendments are effective June 8, 2022.**

#### **LINK TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/aco/arc/6308C.pdf>

#### **CURRENT**

This rule chapter contained outdated contact and application submission information, utilized the term emergency vehicle permit rather than emergency vehicle certificate, required us to send a certificate denial by certified mail, and did not clearly identify what constituted a scene of emergency.

#### **NEW**

As of June 8, 2022, the rules will now reflect current processes and information as outlined above.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT**

This memo does not impact the way that MVD staff issues emergency vehicle certificates as the changes to the rules were technical in nature.