

Kennebunkport Fire Department

REGULATION 6 RED LIGHTS, SIREN AND CAR PLATES: FIREFIGHTER USE OF

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Any firefighter, having served his probationary period, is entitled to operate a red light on or below his dash. The light must comply with all state laws. Any firefighter that operates a red light must also have a visible fire department car plate on that vehicle.

Only chief officers are empowered to operate red lights above the dash (roofs) or to have sirens on their private vehicles.

Firefighter red lights are to be used only for fire emergencies and the use of red lights does not give that firefighter any right of way privileges or allow for any laws to be broken. A civilian car, by law, does not have to yield to a firefighter's red light.

The use of red lights in firefighters' cars is not recommended in outside towns and firefighters shall not use them when responding to mutual aid station coverage assignments. Apparatus and officers are the exception to this regulation. Red lights are permitted when responding to on to-the-scene call out of town.

Abuse of red lights may result in disciplinary action. All Kennebunkport Fire Department personnel using red lights on their vehicles shall have in their possession a valid card authorized by the Fire Chief and issued by the Town of Kennebunkport. Upon termination as an active firefighter, the card will be returned to the fire chief.