



Emergency Vehicle Designation Application

Under authority of **Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 801.260**, the Oregon Department of Transportation will consider requests for Emergency Vehicle designation upon receipt of a completed application.

737-100-0010(4) Definitions

“Emergency” means a sudden, generally unexpected occurrence or set of circumstances demanding immediate action.

2019 ORS 801.260 “Emergency vehicle”

“Emergency vehicle.” “Emergency vehicle” means a vehicle that is equipped with lights and sirens as required under ORS [820.350 \(Ambulance warning lights\)](#)

2019 ORS 682.079 ([Power of Oregon Health Authority to grant exemptions or variances](#)) from regulation of Ambulances by the Oregon Health Authority, and [820.370 \(Ambulance or emergency vehicle sirens\)](#)

2019 ORS 820.370 Ambulance or emergency vehicle sirens

(1) Subject to any other law or rule pursuant thereto relating to the noise of a vehicle, the Department of Transportation may prescribe required sirens or other audible signals for ambulances and emergency vehicles. The requirements established under this section may include, but are not limited to, numbers required, placement, audibility and inside indicators.

(2) Enforcement of the requirements established under this section is provided under ORS [820.380 \(Illegal ambulance or emergency vehicle sirens\)](#).

2019 ORS 820.380 Illegal ambulance or emergency vehicle sirens

(1) A person commits the offense of illegal ambulance or emergency vehicle sirens if the person drives or moves on any highway or owns and causes or knowingly permits to be driven or moved on any highway an ambulance or emergency vehicle that does not contain and is not at all times equipped with sirens or other audible signals in proper conditions and adjustment as required under ORS [820.370 \(Ambulance or emergency vehicle sirens\)](#).

(2) This section does not apply to any ambulance or person operating or owning an ambulance if the ambulance or person is exempted by ORS [682.035 \(Application of ORS chapter 682\)](#)

2019 ORS 682.035 Application of ORS chapter 682

[Chapter 456 Oregon Laws 2019 \(SB 29\) Sections 51 -52](#)

2019 ORS 820.300 <https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/820.300>

This application does not apply to vehicles which are any of the following:

- (1) Operated by public police, fire or airport security agencies.
- (2) Designated as an emergency vehicle by a federal agency.
- (3) Designated as an emergency vehicle by the Director of Transportation.

[1983 c.338 §43; 1993 c.751 §5]

This application is not for private security response, operations, or non-fire alarm notifications. The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) regulates public and private security operations, including designations. The use of public vehicle and commercial vehicle warning lights is described in Oregon Revised Statute 816.280(1)(a) .

This application is also not intended for an “ODOT Incident Response Vehicle” 737-100-0010 (5)

1. I certify the emergency vehicle represented in this application has been inspected and approved by a competent mechanic (737-100-0010(2)(a) & (b) and 737-100-0030 (4)(c)
2. Is the vehicle represented in this application a public or privately owned vehicle?” 737-100-0010 (6) Public Private

3. Complete description of the proposed vehicle 737-100-0030(A)

Year	Make	Body Style
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)		Registration Plate

4. How will the vehicle be used in emergency situations? 737-100-0030 (B)

*i.e. – This vehicle will be used to respond to and suppress/extinguish structure and wildland fires.

5. What is the specific need in the geographic area for which the emergency vehicle will be used? 737-100-0030 (C)

*i.e. – The area in which this vehicle will be used does not have a public firefighting agency. This vehicle is part of a private firefighting company/organization that provides subscription firefighting services to private home/land owners.

6. Any other Data or special qualifications? 737-100-0030 (D)

*i.e. It was manufactured as a fire truck, or, it has been specially converted or equipped with emergency supplies, life support equipment, etc.}

7. The following must be included with the submission of your application:
- a. Attach/include a map to this application, detailing the actual area or routes where the vehicle will be used as an emergency vehicle per 737-100-0030 (D)(b)
 - b. Include a statement of certification, signed by a competent mechanic, that the vehicle is in a safe operating condition is attached per 737-100-0030 (D)(c)
 - c. A written recommendation letter of support from the sheriff's office of the county of registration of the vehicle is attached per 737-100-0030 (D)(d)
 - d. A written recommendation letter of support from all other law enforcement agencies in the area(s) in which the vehicle will be used as an emergency vehicle is attached per 737-100-0030 (D)(e)
8. I/We certify the emergency vehicle represented in this application complies with the following (check all assurances):
- a. Oregon law regarding types and usage, and with standards and requirements of Transportation Safety; per 737-100-0030 (5)(a) and
 - b. Is used only in emergency situations and as allowed by Oregon law 737-100-0030 (5)(b).
 - c. Special Traffic law privileges (ORS 820.300 and 820.320):
 - (a) When the vehicle is actually being used in an emergency situation 737-100-0030 (7)(a); and
 - (b) When the vehicle is operated in compliance with all traffic laws, including these special privileges 737-100-0030 (7)(b).
 - d. Blue warning lights will not be used 737-100-0030 (9)
9. I/We certify that the emergency vehicle designation issued under these rules will be cancelled when (check all assurances):
- a. The vehicle has been sold per 737-100-0030 (11)(a)
 - b. The vehicle will no longer be used as an emergency vehicle or in the area specified in the owners request per 737-100-0030 (11)(b)
 - c. A law enforcement agency requests cancellation due to abuse or violation of the designation or special traffic law privileges, or withdrawal of their favorable recommendation per 737-100-0030 (11)(c)
 - d. A city, county or other governing body requests, and provides supporting data for cancellation per 737-100-0030 (11)(d)

- e. The vehicle is operated as an emergency vehicle other than as permitted by the designation per 737-100-0030 (11)(e)
- f. The vehicle is operated in violation of Oregon law per 737-100-0030 (11)(f) , or
- g. There is no longer a need because adequate emergency services are now provided in the area per 737-100-0030 (11)(g)

An emergency vehicle designation shall not be transferred to another vehicle 737-100-0030 (10a)

Designations that are approved shall be reviewed by ODOT-Transportation Safety Division (TSD) every two years to assure the vehicle and its usage still qualify for the designation. New data, as listed in section (3) of this rule, may be requested from the owner. 737-100-0030 (6) This application is also available by mail or fax at the numbers below.

Name of person completing application:

Phone:

Signature:

Date:

Completed form and attachments should be sent to:

ODOT-TSD Vehicle Equipment Standards
MS-3

Email: William.Warner@odot.state.or.us

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Salem, OR 97302

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Please remember all required attachments. Incomplete applications will be returned.