



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5537-2-21 Public police officers.

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To the extent that the proper discharge of official duties or the meeting of an emergency so requires, the provisions of rules 5537-2-2, 5537-2-3, 5537-2-7, 5537-2-9 to 5537-2-13, and rules 5537-2-15, 5537-2-17 and rule 5537-2-19 hereof shall not apply to any public police officer (other than those authorized to regulate and control traffic on the turnpike) who, while in the performance of his/her official duties, is in hot pursuit of any suspected offender under any criminal statute of the state of Ohio; to any public police officer authorized to control and regulate traffic on the turnpike while in the performance of his/her official duties; or to any emergency vehicle while under the escort of a public police officer authorized to control and regulate traffic on the turnpike and acting in compliance with the direction of said escort. The foregoing shall apply only when such public police officer or operator of a motor vehicle is sounding an audible signal by bell, siren, or exhaust whistle, and is showing a signal, by means of flashing lights, that is clearly visible within a distance of five hundred feet to the front and to the rear of his/her vehicle. Nothing herein contained shall relieve any public police officer operating a motor vehicle on the turnpike or the operator of any emergency vehicle thereon from the duty to drive with the highest degree of care for the safety of others which is compatible, under all attending circumstances, with the proper discharge of his/her duties.
