



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 5537-2-02, 5537-2-03, 5537-2-07, 5537-2-09 to 5537-2-13, and rules 5537-2-15, 5537-2-17 and rule 5537-2-19 hereof shall not apply to any police officer who, while in the performance of official duties, is in hot pursuit of any suspected offender under any criminal statute of the state of Ohio; to any police officer authorized to control and regulate traffic on the turnpike while in the performance of official duties; or to any operator of an emergency vehicle while in the performance of official duties. The foregoing shall apply only when such police officer or operator of an emergency 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 the vehicle. Nothing herein contained shall relieve any police officer operating a motor vehicle on the turnpike or the operator of any emergency vehicle thereon from the duty to drive with the degree of care for the safety of others which is compatible, under all attending circumstances, with the proper discharge of official duties.
