



**Division 02** **Apparatus and Equipment**

**Chapter 39 – Vehicle Exhaust Systems**

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**POLICY**

This General Order shall establish requirements for exhaust systems, in accordance with the Maryland Vehicle Law.

Should any Fire/EMS Department vehicles already be modified, those vehicles are to be placed out of service until such time as the exhaust systems are in compliance with the Maryland Vehicle Law.

**DEFINITIONS**

N/A

**REFERENCES**

Maryland Vehicle Law, Title 23, Subtitle 3, Preventative Maintenance Program  
Maryland Vehicle Law, Title 22, Sections 22-609, Modifications of Exhaust System

**PROCEDURES**

**1. General Provisions**

Under Maryland Vehicle Law, there are two (2) sections that mandate requirements for exhaust systems.

**FORMS/ATTACHMENTS**

N/A

**Under Title 23, Subtitle 3, Preventative Maintenance Program:**

Vehicles upon inspection will be failed if the exhaust system is found to be broken, cracked, leaking, missing or perforated.

**Under Title 22, Sections 22-609, Modifications of Exhaust System:**

A person may not modify the exhaust system or any other noise abatement device in such a way that the noise emitted by the vehicle exceeds that emitted by the vehicle as originally manufactured nor will a person drive a vehicle on any highway of the State with an exhaust system or noise abatement device modified.

No Fire/EMS Department vehicles shall have their exhaust systems modified.