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§ 1732. Board meetings.

(a) Quorum.--A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and all actions of the board shall be by the approval of a majority of all the members of the board.

(b) Frequency and nature of meetings.--

(1) The board shall meet monthly, or more often if required, and keep regular minutes of their proceedings in a book to be filed with the financial records of the county. The board shall make such rules and regulations for the government and management of the county correctional institution and the safekeeping, discipline and employment of the inmates, as may be deemed necessary.

(2) The meetings shall be held at the county correctional institution no less often than quarterly.

§ 1733. Appointment of warden and employees.

The board shall appoint a warden of the county correctional institution. The warden, subject to the approval of the board, may appoint such deputy or deputies, assistant or assistants or corrections officers as may be required in the taking care of the county correctional institution. The number and compensation of such deputies, assistants or corrections officers shall be fixed by the county salary board.

§ 1734. Powers of peace officers.

A chief administrator, deputy warden or corrections officer of a county correctional institution may exercise the powers of a peace officer in the performance of that person's duties generally in:

- (1) Guarding, protecting and delivering inmates.
- (2) Protecting the property and interests of the county.
- (3) Capturing and returning inmates that may have escaped.

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(4) Assisting other law Enforcement or EMS Agencies.

of the board and endorsed by the president and secretary of the board, and all contracts involving an expenditure of funds from the county treasury shall be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article XVIII of the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code.

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All the expenditures required for the support and maintenance of inmates and the repairs and improvement of the county correctional institution shall be paid from the county treasury by warrants drawn, in the mode prescribed by law, on the regular appropriation for the purpose. No warrant shall be certified by the controller for any expense connected with the county correctional institution unless on vouchers approved by a majority of the board and endorsed by the president and secretary of the board, and all contracts involving an expenditure of funds from the county treasury shall be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article XVIII of the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code.

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**SUBCHAPTER D
EQUIPMENT OF AUTHORIZED AND
EMERGENCY VEHICLES**

Sec.

4571. Visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles.
4572. Visual signals on authorized vehicles.
4573. Identification of certain vehicles.

Cross References. Subchapter D is referred to in section 3327 of this title.

§ 4571. Visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles.

(a) **General rule.**--Every emergency vehicle shall be equipped with one or more revolving or flashing red lights and an audible warning system. Spotlights with adjustable sockets may be attached to or mounted on emergency vehicles.

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(1) Police, sheriff, coroner, medical examiner, or fire police and corrections vehicles may in addition to the requirements of subsection (a) be equipped with one or more revolving or flashing blue lights. The combination of red and blue lights may be used only on police, sheriff, coroner, medical examiner, fire police and corrections vehicles.

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(b.1) Mounted lights and additional equipment.--

(1) Police, sheriff and fire vehicles may be equipped with a mounted rack containing one or more emergency warning lights or side mounted floodlights or alley lights or all such lights in conformance with department regulations.

(1.1) Nothing contained in the regulations under paragraph (1) may be construed to require a limit, modification or change of the lighting in police, sheriff and fire vehicles legally complying with regulations as of the date of enactment of this paragraph as long as the vehicle is used as an emergency vehicle.

(2) Additional visual or audible warning signal equipment, including, but not limited to, flashing headlamp system, flashing or revolving white or clear lights, steady burning lights, traffic-control emergency directional light assembly, amber lights and intersection lights, may be utilized on emergency vehicles in accordance with regulations promulgated by the department.

(3) The department may not prohibit the use of flashing or revolving lights mounted internally in the passenger compartment of fire department vehicles or privately owned vehicles used in answering an emergency call when used by a fire chief, assistant chief and, when a fire company has three or more fire vehicles, a second or third assistant chief that comply with the department's regulations.

(4) On an annual basis, but no later than April 1 of each year, the State Fire Commissioner may recommend to the department any changes or challenges to the emerging technology of the flashing or revolving lights mounted internally or externally in privately owned vehicles of volunteer firefighters when used in answering an emergency call. The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania State Police, shall review the recommendations and may promulgate any

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(2) Unmarked police and sheriff vehicles used as emergency vehicles and equipped with audible warning systems shall be equipped with the lights described in this subsection.

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necessary regulations on the use, type and installation of the emerging technology.

(c.1) Public Utility Commission vehicles.--Vehicles owned or operated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and used in the enforcement of 66 Pa.C.S. Chs. 23 (relating to common carriers) and 25 (relating to contract carrier by motor vehicle and broker) may be equipped with revolving or flashing red lights in accordance with subsection (a).

(d) Vehicles prohibited from using signals.--Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, no vehicle other than an emergency vehicle may be equipped with revolving or flashing lights or audible warning systems identical or similar to those specified in subsections (a) and (b). A person who equips or uses a vehicle with visual or audible warning systems in violation of this section commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000.

(e) Authorized period of use.--The lights and warning systems specified by this section may be used only during an emergency, or in the interest of public safety, or by police officers, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in enforcement of the law. Unauthorized use of the lights and warning systems specified by this section shall be a summary offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000.

(f) Conformity with department regulations.--Except as provided under subsection (b.1)(1.1), all equipment authorized or required by this section shall conform to department regulations. (Feb. 15, 1980, P.L.12, No.8, eff. imd.; July 10, 1981, P.L.250, No.82, eff. imd.; July 9, 1984, P.L.671, No.142, eff. imd.; May 9, 1986, P.L.158, No.51, eff. 60 days; Dec. 11, 1986, P.L.1530, No.166, eff. 60 days; Mar. 13, 1990, P.L.69, No.14, eff. 60 days; Dec. 18, 1992, P.L.1411, No.174, eff. 60 days; June 26, 2001, P.L.734, No.75, eff. 60 days; July 8, 2016, P.L.477, No.75, eff. imd.)

2016 Amendment. Act 75 amended subsec. (f) and added subsec. (b.1)(1.1), (3) and (4).

Cross References. Section 4571 is referred to in sections 4107, 4306 of this title.