

**PUBLIC REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED  
BY DRIVERS OF TRUCKS OR  
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

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**1. GENERAL**

1.01 This section has been reissued to include additional methods and safety precautions to be followed when trucks or commercial vehicles are disabled or working on highways outside of the corporate limits of any city or town.

1.02 Every employee who has occasion to drive trucks or commercial vehicles outside of the corporate limits of any city or town shall be thoroughly familiar with the Bell System Practices covering Care and Operation of Motor Vehicles, and Instructions to Drivers of Trucks and Heavy Equipment, and shall adhere to the instructions contained therein in all respects.

**2. DEFINITIONS**

2.01 Commercial Vehicles. A commercial vehicle is a vehicle designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property.

2.02 Highway. A highway is a place or way of whatever nature open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

### 3. PUBLIC LAWS OR REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED BY DRIVERS OF TRUCKS OR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

3.01 Every truck having an unladen weight of 4000 pounds or more operated on any highway outside of the corporate limits of any city or town shall be equipped with, and at all times carry, at least two warning signs or two approved warning signals.

3.02 When such a vehicle is disabled on the highway or within 10 feet thereof, at any time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, or at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible any person or vehicle on the highway at a distance of 200 feet, such warning signs or signals shall be immediately placed at a distance of approximately 100 feet in advance of and 100 feet to the rear of the disabled vehicle. The warning signs or signals shall be displayed in these positions continually during the periods specified above, while such vehicles remain disabled on the highway.

3.03 When such a vehicle is stopped, standing or parked at the site of work involving the construction, removal or repair of such utility or public utility property or facilities upon, in or under a street or highway there shall be placed not less than two warning signs or signals during daylight and not less than two warning signals during the period of darkness as defined in Paragraph 3.02. One shall be placed on the highway not more than 50 feet in advance of the vehicle and the other not more than fifty feet to the rear thereof; provided, however, that in zones where the maximum speed limit is in excess of twenty-five miles per hour said 50-foot distance may be increased up to 500 feet from the vehicle as circumstances may warrant.

3.04 The following special instructions shall apply to the parking of motor vehicles and equipment used in the maintenance of telephone plant in that portion of the Whitewater toll conduit along the Redlands - Beaumont freeway from manhole 145 east of Yucaipa to manhole 221 west of Beaumont.

(a) All motor vehicles and equipment shall be parked off the paved roadway or the paved shoulder of the freeway except as noted under (c).

(b) At those manholes where gas valves or contactor terminals are located a parking area has been provided to permit the parking of vehicles immediately adjacent to the manhole.

(c) Should a major failure occur requiring the replacement of a section of cable, vehicles or equipment may be parked on the paved portion of the highway the minimum time necessary to effect the replacement provided the precautions outlined in Paragraph 3.03 are fully observed.

#### 4. TYPES OF WARNING SIGNS AND SIGNALS

4.01 When vehicles and equipment such as freighting units, air compressors, pole digging units, mail cars, toll repairmen's vehicles, or construction units are required in their day-to-day work to travel in or through unincorporated territory, they shall be equipped with the standard warning signs or signals as listed below:

(a) Signs. Collapsible metal sign in metal container equipped with a red reflector.

(b) Signals

(1) Electric - Highway Flasher or Warning Flasher - battery operated, flashing, red lights.

(2) Lantern - Kerosene lantern with red globe.

#### 5. RESPONSIBILITY

5.01 It shall be the duty of each supervisor to see that every truck having an unladen weight of 4000 pounds or more operated on any highway outside of the corporate limits of any city or town is properly equipped with and carrying at all times either warning signs or approved warning signals.

5.02 In the event of an emergency, warning signs, approved warning signals and fire extinguishers may be secured from the garage foreman. When additional equipment of this nature is required it should be requested through lines of organization.