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Subject: LSV's and you

Chief and Captain,

Here is all the information you want and don't want to know about Low Speed Vehicles (LSV's)

NJ Title 39 violations covering LSV's:

39:4-31.1 Covers Operation of LSV

39:4-31.2b LSV shall display on the rear "25 MPH Vehicle" decal

39:4-31.3 DL, Reg and Insurance required

39:4-31.3c Operator of LSV subject to provisions of Title 39 Chapter 4

Low Speed Vehicles (LSV) <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Vehicle/LowSpeed.htm>

Low Speed Vehicles (LSVs) must be titled, registered and insured in New Jersey. However, they are not subject to regular vehicle inspection

An LSV is a four-wheeled vehicle with an attainable speed of more than 20 miles per hour but no more than 25 miles per hour on a paved surface. It cannot be powered by gas or diesel fuel and must comply with federal safety standards as noted in 49 CFRs. 571.500.

Note: Municipalities can impose an LSV ban on ALL roadways within their jurisdiction. Please check with local officials for municipal ordinance restrictions.

If you operate an LSV please follow these guidelines:

- You may not drive LSVs on roadways with speed limits that exceed 25 mph. (In limited cases, if deemed appropriate by a municipality, county or DOT, LSVs may be permitted on roadways with speed limits that do not exceed 35 mph)
- You should watch for and abide by road signs prohibiting use even on lower speed roads
- LSVs cannot be modified golf carts
- All LSVs must have a 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number
- Child restraints in LSVs must meet the same standards as those used in passenger vehicles
- You must have a valid driver license to operate a LSV
- You may lease or rent properly titled, registered and insured for temporary use
- An LSV may be registered in the name of an individual, business or government entity, but may not be used as a commercial vehicle
- You are subject to the same violations as other vehicles (except for the regular inspection requirements)
- All LSVs shall have a safety information decal provided by the manufacturer on the rear of the vehicle
- If you have only one license plate, you should put it on the rear of the car
- LSVs must meet Federal and State requirements

License plates

LSV plates are standardized plates with letters "LSV" (in most circumstances). "Low Speed Vehicle" will be inscribed on the bottom of the plate. Only one plate will be issued for non-government owned vehicles and should be affixed to the rear of the vehicle.

- You cannot register handicapped plates on LSVs. Use placards when necessary
- You can transfer a plate to another LSV, but not to a different type of vehicle

Insurance requirements

LSVs are specialty vehicles and coverage will be available through the New Jersey Personal Automobile Insurance Plan (NJPAIP) and other voluntary insurers. Contact an insurance agent or broker for more information.

Federal requirements

Low Speed Vehicles cannot exceed 25 MPH and must be equipped with:

- Headlamps
- Front and rear turn signal lamps
- Tail lamps
- Stop lamps
- Red reflex reflectors: one on each side as far to the rear as possible and one on the rear of the vehicle
- An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior or interior mirror mounted on the passenger's side
- A parking brake
- A windshield that meets federal safety requirements (effective until Nov. 1, 2006)
- A Vehicle Identification Number
- A Type 1 or Type 2 seat belt assembly conforming to Sec. 571.209, installed at each designated seating position

State requirements (S1834)

LSVs operated on any public road or highway in the state shall be maintained in proper condition and comply with equipment requirements and standards:

- Adequate brakes to control the movement of the vehicle
- An odometer
- A speedometer
- The original manufacturer's VIN die-stamped on the body and/or frame, engine or motor of the vehicle
- A safety information decal provided by the manufacturer must be in a conspicuous place on the rear of the vehicle displaying "25 MPH Vehicle"

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