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Dear Chief Oswald:

This letter is to clarify an opinion written to Representative Ron Cobb, dated February 15, 1984, concerning the use of lights and sirens by volunteer firemen in their private vehicles. In particular, you asked about our citation from [Section 56-5-4700, Code of Laws of South Carolina](#) (1976 & 1983 Cum. Supp.).

The second paragraph of that opinion should have read:

[Section 56-5-4700 of the Code](#), in pertinent part, requires any vehicles that are 'authorized emergency vehicles' of the fire department to be equipped with a siren, and either 'a mounted, oscillating, rotating or flashing red light, visible in all directions for a distance of five hundred feet in normal sunlight' or 'signal lamps mounted as high and as widely spaced laterally as practicable, which shall be capable of displaying to the front two alternately flashing red lights located at the same level and to the rear two alternately flashing red lights located at the same level, and these lights shall have sufficient intensity to be visible at five hundred feet in normal sunlight.'

Thank you for calling the problem to our attention. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused and hope we have sufficiently clarified the matter. Please let us know if we may provide additional assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Patricia D. Petway  
Assistant Attorney General

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