Policy Update: CHANGES TO DEFINITION OF "SCHOOL"

The regulations to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles were amended October 26, 1987, to expand the definition of the term "school" as it relates to junior operator (Class 6 and 8) driving restrictions. The term "school" now includes:

1. Classes conducted or approved by the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control for the purpose of training volunteer firefighters.

2. Classes conducted by the New York State Department of Health for the purpose of training emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

3. Classes conducted or approved by the New York State Department of Health for the purpose of providing training in any ancillary emergency medical services (e.g. emergency medical first responder training.)

The term "school" also includes classes conducted by the National Guard, or any other active reserve group of the U.S. Armed Forces, for the purpose of training members of such groups.

A junior operator who is driving to or from such classes should carry a letter from the class administrator or instructor stating the name, date of birth and motorist identification number of the student, the hours, location and duration of the course, and an address and phone number at which the administrator or instructor may be contacted by a police officer to verify information.

The specific regulation of the Department of Motor Vehicles has been attached to this policy update.

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