

(8) Civilian Escorts and Flaggers. It is the responsibility of the permittee to see that escorts which accompany their moves adhere to these regulations in addition to the regulations specifying when escorts and flaggers are required, as listed in sections (9), (12), (13), (14), (15), and (16).

(A) An “escort” is defined as a vehicle with operator which accompanies oversized moves to serve as a warning to other traffic that extra caution is required. Operators of escort vehicles shall be properly licensed, obey all traffic laws, and be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(B) The escort vehicle must be a properly licensed single unit vehicle of standard size with unobstructed vision to the front and rear and in safe operating condition. The unit may be an automobile, pickup truck, utility vehicle, station wagon, or equivalent.

(C) It is the responsibility of the permittee to ensure the escort’s minimum financial responsibility as required by law is in force at all times.

(D) Oversize load signs shall be displayed on the front and/or rear of the escort vehicle, whichever is applicable for the move. A sign mounted on the top of the vehicle with printing on both sides is acceptable. Signs are to be a minimum size of five feet (5’) long by one foot (1’) high with minimum eight inch (8”) high letters. The sign’s background shall be yellow with black lettering and visible for at least three hundred feet (300’). The legend shall read “OVERSIZE LOAD” or “WIDE LOAD.”

(E) Escort vehicles are to be equipped with at least two (2) red or orange fluorescent warning flags mounted on a staff at the two (2) front extremities of the vehicle for a front escort and at the rear extremities for a rear escort. The escort vehicle for overheight loads (see paragraph (9)(G)3.) shall have a vertical clearance detection device and have continuous, uninterrupted, two- (2-) way communication with the power unit. Flags used for flagging and on permit vehicles shall be clean, red, yellow, or orange fluorescent, in good condition, with no advertising or wording, and be at least eighteen inches (18”) square.

(F) Flaggers are required as outlined in subsection (9)(I). Flaggers shall have proper training in directing traffic.