

SAFETY ALERT - ROAD FLARE IGNITION

The Office of Fire Prevention and Control's Investigation Branch recently investigated a fire that originated within the cargo area of a law enforcement vehicle. The investigation concluded that road flares, stored within that area, were ignited the result of inadvertent contact between the striker (red phosphorous) and ignition button of separate flares.

Such incidents may occur where flares are stored in ANY TYPE of emergency vehicle. The Office of Fire Prevention and Control has developed the attached bulletin, with recommendations to minimize the probability of encountering an inadvertent flare ignition. You can also access that bulletin at:

<http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ofpc/alerts-bulletins/information/documents/2019/flares.pdf>