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Albany, New York

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TO: All Enforcement Agencies

SUBJECT: Stretch Limousines/Altered Vehicles

This is a reminder regarding the information previously provided in memos P8 and M10 issued on October 31, 2023.

DMV requests continued collaboration with law enforcement officers in notifying the agency when any limousine is observed.

Law enforcement should send:

- The license plate number, at a minimum;
- A description of the vehicle;
- The VIN, if possible;
- A photo, if possible.

Even if such vehicle is observing the rules of the road, this information should be sent to DMV immediately to allow the agency to monitor future inspections and registrations of such vehicle to ensure compliance with applicable rules and regulations. Limos registered in other states should also be reported if observed in New York.

The notification should be sent to DMV at LimoReport@dmv.ny.gov.

DMV has been able to take enforcement action with prior limo referrals from law enforcement.

Anyone operating an altered motor vehicle, commonly referred to as a “stretch limousine”, with a seating capacity of nine or more passengers including the driver must hold (at a minimum) a Commercial Driver License (CDL) Class C with a Passenger endorsement. **This license requirement stands whether the vehicle is carrying passengers for-hire or not.** See NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law §501(2)(a) and §501-a(1).

Please share this information with all road patrol enforcement. Thank you.

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