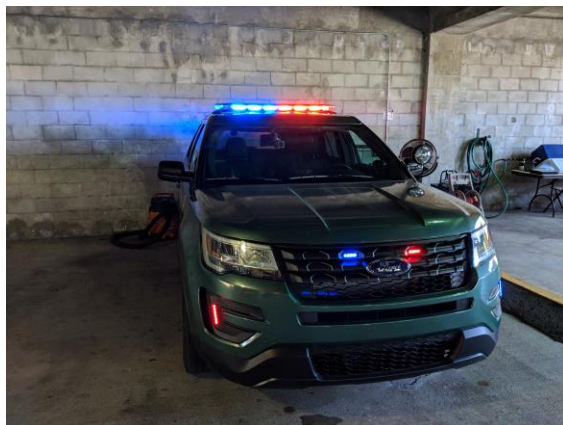
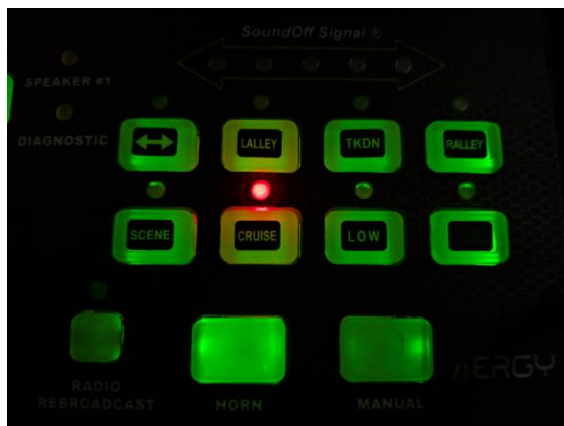


Greetings

The latest generation of lightbars come with a feature called “cruise” lights. This feature has been used internationally for quite some time, and many major police departments in the U.S. are utilizing them (City of Miami, Philadelphia, DC Metro, Cincinnati, and Richmond). When cruise lights are activated, the red and blue overhead lights and corner lights are constantly on, but dimly lit. The objective of cruise lights is to increase police visibility and deter unlawful behavior. Most Pinecrest vehicles have the cruise light feature, but some older vehicles may not. All vehicles will eventually have this feature, as older vehicles and equipment will eventually be replaced with newer models.

The use of the cruise lights is not mandatory, but certainly encouraged. Officers should turn on cruise lights while patrolling their zones and responding to non-emergency calls. Other instances when officers may want to turn on cruise lights is while patrolling shopping centers, parks, or anytime officers feel that standing out to the public is useful. Officers can choose to deactivate cruise lights in situations where they see a tactical advantage, such as running radar, conducting surveillance, patrolling an area of heightened risk, or approaching a scene discreetly.

It's understood that the implementation of cruise lights increases police visibility, giving folks violating the law a heads up of an approaching police vehicle. At the same time, increased police visibility also serves as a strong deterrent to criminals. Be creative in your use of this tool and provide feedback to your supervisor so information can be shared. Please see attached photos which show how cruise lights appear, and the location of the cruise light button on the controller.



Thank you,
Lieutenant James Bridges