

The Police Department has been receiving numerous calls and complaints from residents in regard to golf carts being driven on the roadways throughout the township. In addition it is being reported that children, under the age enabling them to possess a motor vehicle operator's license, are often the operators of the golf carts. **Residents need to be aware that these "vehicles" are not permitted on any municipal, county, or state roadway.** In addition, **children are not permitted to operate these vehicles.** The motor vehicle code does address "Low Speed Vehicles", and "golf carts" **are noted specifically to be prohibited** from this use.

The following is an excerpt from the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) website:

Low Speed Vehicles (LSV)

Low Speed Vehicles (LSVs) must be titled, registered and insured in New Jersey. However, they are not subject to regular vehicle inspection and are exempt from sales tax.

An LSV is a four-wheeled vehicle with an attainable speed of more than 20 miles per hour but no more than 25 miles per hour on a paved surface. It cannot be powered by gas or diesel fuel and must comply with federal safety standards as noted in 49 CFRs. 571.500.

If you operate a LSV please follow these guidelines:

- You may not drive LSVs on roadways with speed limits that exceed 25 mph. (In limited cases, if deemed appropriate by a municipality, county or DOT, LSVs may be permitted on roadways with speed limits that do not exceed 35 mph)
- You should watch for and abide by road signs prohibiting use even on lower speed roads
- **You cannot use LSVs as modified golf carts**
- All LSVs must have a 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number
- **Child restraints in LSVs must meet the same standards** as those used in passenger vehicles
- **You must have a valid driver license to operate a LSV**
- You may lease or rent properly titled, registered and insured for temporary use
- An LSV may be registered in the name of an individual, business or government entity, but may not be used as a commercial vehicle
- **You are subject to the same violations as other vehicles** (except for the regular inspection requirements)
- All LSVs shall have a safety information decal provided by the manufacturer on the rear of the vehicle

- If you have only one license plate, you should put it on the rear of the car
- LSVs must meet Federal and State requirements

Titling your LSV

You may title your LSV at any [MVC Agency](#) for \$20 (or \$40 with a lien) or at the dealership if this service is provided.

- You must have a Manufacturer's Statement of Origin or the Certificate of Origin (MSO or MCO) to title a new LSV
- If you are attempting to title a used, untitled LSV from outside New Jersey that meets all of the state requirements, then you must present the following at an MVC Agency:
 - A completed OS/SS-7 (title application) with the original MSO/CO
 - If you do not have the MSO/CO then you must supply a registration in either your name or the seller's name, in addition to a bill of sale including seller, buyer, year, make, model and serial number, if applicable
 - If you cannot meet the above requirements, you need to follow MVC's procedure for vehicles obtained without proper evidence of ownership. Information and forms can be obtained by calling (888) 486-3339 toll free in New Jersey or (609) 292-6500 from outside the state

If there are any questions in regard to these requirements, please call the police station at 609-298-4411 between 8 am and 4 pm.