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I. PURPOSE

- A. To establish guidelines for the utilization of special purpose vehicles.

II. SPECIAL PURPOSE DESIGNATED VEHICLES

- A. The special purpose vehicles are intended for use during operations that require the benefits afforded by their special characteristics. Their unique characteristics make them more suitable for use other than routine patrolling and some special vehicles require particular licenses, training, equipment, and maintenance.
- B. The following vehicles are classified as special vehicles.
1. S.C.O.R.E. Vans and Response Truck - used during special operation activities to transport tactical teams to operations requiring teams to arrive as a group. The S.C.O.R.E. Van is not used for routine patrol or to respond to routine calls for service.
 2. E.O.D. Van - used by E.O.D. personnel to move equipment and materials needed for E.O.D. operations. The E.O.D. Van is not used for routine patrol or to respond to routine calls for service.
 3. Prisoner Transport Vehicle (PTV) - primarily used to transport arrestees to detention facilities. They are designed to reduce the likelihood of self-injury to prisoners and damage to patrol vehicles.
 4. Traffic Motorcycle - assigned to the Traffic Support Unit and used exclusively for traffic enforcement purposes.
 5. Canine Unit Vehicle - assigned to the Services Bureau and used for transportation of the patrol canine, handler and associated equipment.
 6. Crime Scene Investigation Van - contains instruments and equipment necessary to process multiple crime scenes in the field.
 7. Mobile Command Post - used whenever the nature of the incident demands a command post in proximity to the occurrence.
 8. Field Force Trailers - used to facilitate deployment of equipment for field force situations. The primary Field Force trailers are staged at the Fleet

Maintenance Center and are assigned to the SCORE Unit. The Patrol Divisions will have access keys for each trailer.

9. Intoxilyzer Trailer - used to expedite the processing of suspected intoxicated drivers in the field. The Intoxilyzer Trailer is assigned to the Traffic Support Unit and is operated by Intoxilyzer 8000 certified officers.
10. Tactical Assault Vehicle - used during special operations to deploy tactical personnel in a hazardous or potentially hazardous area.
11. Patrol Bicycles - used for selective patrol and community relations to facilitate the Department's community policing function. Bicycles are also used to supplement other patrol operations. Once an officer is assigned a bicycle, the unit commander will require the officer to be IPMBA certified as soon as reasonably possible.

III. GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLE USE

- A. Special purpose vehicles will be used only by personnel in the units to which they are issued. If the special purpose vehicle requires any special certification or training, the unit commander will maintain a list of the authorized operators of the vehicles and associated equipment within his/her unit.
- B. Guidelines for use of PTV's.
1. The PTV's will not be dispatched on a report call or as a primary unit on any call except in extraordinary circumstances. They can be sent as back-ups when necessary but care should be taken to assure they are available to carry out their primary function.
 2. It is the duty of the officer assigned to the PTV to maintain a high visibility, proactive patrol of the assigned division.
 3. Officers assigned to PTV's should be self-motivated and attentive to radio transmissions. Rather than waiting to be dispatched, the PTV should already be enroute to developing situations that may require the use of the PTV.
 4. PTV's will not be used to initiate vehicle stops. As a truck-chassis vehicle they will not be used in pursuits or for other emergency driving. PTV's will not be driven above the speed limit when answering a transport request without supervisor approval.
- C. Officers operating the special purpose vehicles must possess a current and valid driver's license for that type of vehicle, if applicable. Prior to operating such vehicles, operators will be instructed regarding any special considerations involving the use of the vehicles. e.g. handling characteristics, overhead clearance, special equipment, etc.
- D. Commanders are responsible for the condition of vehicles assigned to their units. Maintenance and repairs of

special purpose vehicles will be arranged through the Fleet Maintenance Services.

- E. Commanders having responsibility for vehicles and equipment for use in unusual occurrence incidents will inspect the vehicles and equipment at least monthly to ensure the vehicles are in good working order and the equipment is functional.
- F. If there is special equipment assigned to the special purpose vehicle, an inventory of the equipment assigned to the vehicle will be maintained by the unit commander where the vehicle is assigned. A copy of the inventory will remain in the vehicle.