


<p style="text-align: center;">FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">GENERAL ORDER</p>	<p>SUBJECT: PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS</p>		<p>NUMBER: 534</p>
	<p>EFFECTIVE DATE: November 7, 2022</p>	<p>REVIEW: November, 2025</p>	
<p>RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: OPERATIONS SUPPORT BUREAU</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> New Directive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replaces: 530.5 <input type="checkbox"/> Revised:
<p>ACCREDITATION STANDARDS</p>	<p>CALEA: 61.1.12, 61.4.3</p>	<p>VLEPSC: OPR. 07.12, TRN.03.02</p>	

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to establish guidelines and procedures for Department Parking Enforcement Officials (PEO).

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) to enforce all traffic laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and Fairfax County, to include those laws specifically related to parking violations. PEOs directly enforce and seek compliance with parking violations as they occur within the county. PEOs are bound by all applicable regulations and General Orders of the FCPD. The Chief of Police may appoint employees as PEOs, who derive their authority to establish and enforce local parking ordinances and/or similar state laws per the [Code of Virginia](#).

III. GENERAL PROCEDURES

A. **Duties and Authority:** PEO duties and authority are limited to enforcement of Commonwealth of Virginia and Fairfax County parking laws, vehicle registrations and inspections, and abandoned vehicles. PEO authority shall only be in effect when the PEO is in uniform and on assigned duty. Jurisdictional limits and authority shall include all jurisdictions and boundaries within Fairfax County. Other duties may be assigned within the scope of their designated authority with approval of the Operations Support Bureau (OSB) Commander, Patrol Bureau Commander, or their designee.

1. **Enforcement:** PEO enforcement of all applicable statutes shall be restricted to the issuance of a Notice of Parking Violation Form (PD 172).
2. **Arrests:** Where any PEO directly observes individual actions warranting criminal arrest, they shall immediately request patrol officer assistance via the

police radio for assistance and take appropriate and reasonable measures to ensure their safety during the response time period.

- B. **Assignments:** PEOs shall be assigned to either a district station or the OSB Traffic Division. During assignment, PEOs shall be under the direct supervision of the on-duty patrol supervisor or Traffic Enforcement Supervisor (when assigned to the Traffic Division). The assigned supervisor shall be responsible for overall operational and administrative supervision of the PEO, to include duty assignments, training requests, and administrative investigations.
- C. **Uniforms:** PEOs are issued uniforms that distinguish them from patrol officers. Uniforms, oleoresin capsicum (OC), and any other items of equipment approved by the Chief of Police may be authorized to be work while on-duty.
- D. **Training:** Newly-hired PEOs shall successfully complete field training conducted by members of the Parking Enforcement Unit (OSB-Traffic Division).
- E. **Reporting of Injuries:** PEOs who incur injuries either on or off-duty that may potentially interfere with the performance of their duties shall report the facts and circumstances of the injury to their supervisor in accordance with [FCPD General Order 330](#), Reporting Injuries.
- F. **Use of Police Vehicles:** PEOs shall operate all police vehicles in accordance with [FCPD General Order 502](#), Normal Vehicle Operations. Pursuit and response driving by PEOs is strictly prohibited, nor may PEOs conduct traffic stops. Where a PEO observes a serious violation of either traffic or criminal law, they shall attempt to obtain all information necessary to swear out a warrant and request the assistance of a patrol officer. In accordance with the [Code of Virginia](#), PEOs are only permitted to utilize overhead emergency lighting equipment when they are actively enforcing motor vehicle parking laws.
- G. **Calls for Service:** PEOs shall not be requested to respond to police calls for service or perform other activities outside of those pertaining to their duties and responsibilities as established in this General Order. When requested by community members to perform traditional police services, PEOs shall request the response of a patrol officer via the police radio.
- H. **School Crossing:** PEOs may assist with school crossings after successfully completed the required training.
- I. **Impoundments:** All motor vehicle impoundments by PEOs shall be conducted in accordance with [FCPD General Order 522](#), Impoundment and Seizure of Motor Vehicles. Any vehicle parked on a County or State road in a state of

deterioration or immobility, or in violation of law (ex: expired registration or inspection) should be designated for impoundment where there is evidence of previous parking tickets for unresolved violations. Vehicles designated for impoundment may be identified by issuance of the Unattended Vehicle Check form (PD 43).

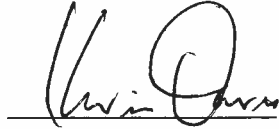
1. **Parking Scofflaws:** Vehicle impoundments may also occur whenever it is determined that a vehicle is in violation of [Fairfax County Code of Ordinances Section 82-5-41](#) (Parking Scofflaw). No other violations are required. The PD 48 impound form shall be marked to hold the vehicle and indicate release shall only be with the approval of the Department of Tax Administration. Towing operators shall be notified of the hold, and the Department of Tax Administration shall also be notified that the vehicle has been impounded.

IV. LEGAL REFERENCES

- A. [Va. Code Ann. § 46.2-1025](#); Flashing amber, purple, or green warning lights.
- B. [Va. Code Ann. § 46.2-1220](#); Parking, stopping, and standing regulations in counties, cities, or towns; parking meters; presumption as to violation of ordinances; penalty.
- C. [Fairfax County Code of Ordinances § 82-5-41](#); Removal or immobilization of motor vehicles against which there are outstanding parking violations.

General Order 534 becomes effective on the above date and rescinds all previous rules and regulations pertaining to the subjects.

ISSUED BY:

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Chief of Police

APPROVED BY:

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County Executive