



<b>FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>    <b>GENERAL ORDER</b>	SUBJECT: <b>SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES</b>		NUMBER: <b>508.0</b>
	EFFECTIVE DATE: <b>January 1, 2019</b>	REVIEW: <b>December 2022</b>	
	TOPIC: <b>PURPOSE AND POLICY</b>		
RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY			<input type="checkbox"/> New Directive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replaces: 501.1 <input type="checkbox"/> Revised
ACCREDITATION STANDARDS	CALEA: 41.1.3	VLEPSC: OPR.01.08	

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to provide clarity and guidance for special purpose vehicles.


II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Fairfax County Police Department that special purpose vehicles remain in a state of operational readiness and utilized by officers who are trained in the use of the special purpose vehicle. In addition, each special purpose vehicle will be inspected to maintain its operational readiness.

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	TOPIC: <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OPERATION</b></p>		
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I. OPERATION

- A. The Department maintains a number of special purpose vehicles assigned and used specifically due to considerations of terrain, storage requirements, or to meet specific operational needs.
- B. All special purpose vehicles shall be assigned an inventory control number by the Resource Management Bureau. Markings and equipment for each special purpose vehicle shall conform to law and Department policies. This may include the presence of the Department's name and reflective striping, as well as lights and sirens where appropriate.
- C. In those vehicles where radios cannot be installed, the primary method of radio communications shall be with the operator's portable radio.
- D. Trailers used by the Department to store equipment (traffic cones, yodock barriers, etc.) are not considered vehicles for purposes of this general order.

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	TOPIC: <b>TRAINING</b>		
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I. TRAINING

- A. Several special purpose vehicles have additional licensing requirements beyond a basic operator's license (motorcycle, helicopter, boat, command bus, dive truck, etc.). Several special purpose vehicles require specialized training and/or certification prior to being operated by any officer or other authorized persons (motorcycle, all-terrain vehicles, off-road trail bikes, etc.).
- B. Any training relating to special purpose vehicles shall be conducted in coordination with the Criminal Justice Academy.
- C. Bureaus/divisions will be responsible for maintaining a record of employees authorized to operate these special purpose vehicles, and ensuring that continuing training requirements are met in a timely manner so as to prevent any lapse in licensing and/or certification.
- D. The Criminal Justice Academy will coordinate with the various divisions to address any other training needs relating to or involving special purpose vehicles.
- E. When personnel are transferred, commanders will be responsible for ensuring training in the operations of any special purpose vehicles under their purview.

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	TOPIC: <p style="text-align: center;"><b>INSPECTIONS</b></p>		
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I. INSPECTIONS

- A. A special purpose vehicle shall be inspected by the operator prior to its use. This shall include, but not limited to, inspection of lights, sirens and radios, when so equipped. Any deficiencies in the vehicle or its equipment that may make it inoperable shall be relayed to a supervisor or station logistics technician immediately. The duty officer or the Police Liaison Commander shall be notified when any special purpose vehicle must be placed out of service for any length of time.
- B. Each division shall also maintain a schedule to ensure that any portable or specialty equipment maintained or stored on a special purpose vehicle is inspected on a regular basis. This inspection schedule should be relative to the amount of use the vehicle and equipment incurs, but should be no less than two times a year, to ensure all vehicles are ready for deployment. All equipment inspections shall be documented and maintained by the division. Deficiencies shall be brought to the attention of the appropriate supervisor immediately. Operators are responsible for restocking or replacing equipment and supplies following deployment.
- C. Divisions that have special purpose vehicles are not prohibited from developing more specific operating procedures internally; however, the general orders governing the operation of police vehicles shall be adhered to by operators of any special purpose vehicle.

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	<b>TOPIC:</b> <b>LEGAL REFERENCES</b>		
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<b>ACCREDITATION STANDARDS</b>	<b>CALEA:</b> Not Applicable	<b>VLEPSC:</b> Not Applicable	

I. LEGAL REFERENCES

There are no legal references.

General Order 508.0 through 508.4 become effective on January 1, 2019 and rescind all previous rules and regulations pertaining to the subjects.

ISSUED BY:



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 Chief of Police

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 County Executive