

**GENERAL ORDER 61.7.1**

**Vehicle Escort Service**

**GENERAL ORDER CROSS-REFERENCE: None.**

**SUMMARY**

Establishes a procedure for police vehicle escort services.

**DISCUSSION**

None.

**POLICY**

**I**

Police vehicles shall only be used as escort vehicles at the direction of a command officer. All requests, routine or emergency, shall be forwarded to a command officer for a decision. In the case of public officials and/or dignitaries requiring escort services, staff shall be responsible for the coordinating and implementation of escort services. In the case of oversized vehicles or hazardous or unusual cargo, the Public Works Division shall coordinate the escort of the vehicle with the Patrol Division Commander. In cases of vehicles escorted by permission of a command officer, the escort shall

- (1) Drive at lawful speeds.
- (2) Obey all traffic control devices.

**II**

Escorts shall not be allowed in medical emergencies. Victims shall be transported by ambulance or in a police vehicle or by other means.

**III**

In the event of an extreme medical emergency, and at the direction of the watch commander, a police vehicle may be used to transport an injured person only under the following circumstances.

- (1) When there is no ambulance available, or
- (2) When ambulance personnel refuse to transport an ill/injured person and the officer has reasonable belief that a life threatening medical condition exists.

(3) There should be one other person in the vehicle with the injured person in addition to the driver. This person shall stay with the injured person and provide reasonable emergency medical aid.

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