



GENERAL ORDER

**DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
DURHAM, NC**

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ESCORTS

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INTRODUCTION

Police escorts shall be provided by this Department on a limited basis. Most escort services are provided by the Traffic Services Unit. When a Traffic Services Unit officer is unavailable to provide an escort, the responsibility for providing the escort would be diverted to a Uniform Patrol district unit.

ESCORT TYPES

Requests for escort services that may be provided by the Department include:

- Funeral Escorts
- Dignitary Escorts
- Any other unusual circumstances as directed by a division commander or district commander.

FUNERAL ESCORTS

Requests for funeral escorts will be the primary responsibility of the Traffic Services Unit during their normal duty hours. The Traffic Services Unit supervisor will coordinate all funeral escort requests during this time.

If a request for a funeral escort is received and a Traffic Services Unit is unable to provide the escort, the escort will then be assigned to an available Uniform Patrol officer preferably within the district of the escort.

Funeral escorts provided by Uniform Patrol officers will be conducted in a safe and methodical manner. Department vehicles used in the procession will have on the blue lights, headlights, and emergency flashers at all times.

DIGNITARY ESCORTS

Requests for dignitary escorts by other governmental agencies will be forwarded to the Special Operations Division Commander. The Department will provide assistance after an operations plan has been agreed upon by both agencies.

OTHER ESCORTS

On occasion, requests for other types of escorts may be received. If such a request is received, it shall be forwarded up the chain of command for approval. These escort services must be approved by a division/district

commander or higher. Examples of this type of escort include, but are not limited to, marches, parades, oversized vehicles and vehicles transporting hazardous materials. A district or division supervisor receiving a request for an escort of this type shall confer with the Traffic Services Commander prior to providing the escort if traffic service officers are to be utilized.

Officers will **not** provide emergency escorts of civilian vehicles. If a medical emergency exists, the officer will request the assistance of Emergency Medical Services to transport the subject with the medical need. Officers may assist civilians by providing transportation to a medical facility, if requested, obeying all traffic laws and signals while en-route.

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*Jose L. Lopez, Sr.
Chief of Police*