



# GOODYEAR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Policy and Procedure Manual

## POLICY 5.07 ABANDONED VEHICLES

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### 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

1. This policy provides procedures for the removal, recording and storage of vehicles abandoned in violation of abandoned vehicle laws, under the authority of ARS § 28-4834.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

#### 1. ABANDONED VEHICLE

- A. A vehicle, trailer or semitrailer that is subject to registration, whether lost, stolen, abandoned, or otherwise unclaimed and that has been abandoned on a public highway, public property, or elsewhere, including private property. Evidence that a vehicle was left unattended for a period of 48 hours within the right-of-way of any highway, road, street, or other public thoroughfare or for a period of 72 hours on public or private property or elsewhere is prima facie evidence of abandonment (ARS § 28-4801).

### 3. MARKING VEHICLES

1. Vehicles on public roadways suspected of being abandoned in violation of Arizona abandoned vehicle laws shall be marked and noted on the Goodyear Police Department "Vehicle Removal Notification" sticker and documented via the computer aided dispatch (CAD) system.

#### A. VEHICLE STORAGE

1. Any vehicle in violation shall be stored by the authorized towing service and a Vehicle Inventory / Vehicle Tow Sheet shall be completed by the officer authorizing the storage of the vehicle as specified in Policy 5.03 Vehicle Towing and Release. Stored vehicles shall be entered into the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) Impound / Stored Vehicle File (ARS § 28-872(F)).