

INCLEMENT WEATHER TRANSPORTS

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide guidelines for inclement weather transports.
2. **POLICY:** The Department will provide transportation for essential personnel during periods of inclement weather and cooperate with Emergency Management to provide assistance as requested.
3. **SCOPE:** This directive is applicable to all personnel.
4. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All personnel will comply with this directive.
5. **PROCEDURES:** The Department will assist Emergency Management, as requested, according to guidelines established in the Madison County Emergency Operations Plan. EMA SOP SWO-4, Winter Storm Emergency Transportation Operations specifically defines the transportation responsibilities of local police, fire and rescue agencies.
 - A. **TRANSPORT UNITS:** The Criminal Investigations Division Supervisors or designee(s) will assign their personnel to use for transports and determine the geographic areas in which they will operate. This should be done in advance of pending weather events when possible and the information should be relayed to Police Communications.
 - B. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Communications will receive and record requests for transports of police personnel by Police District, according to the pick up or drop off point. All other requests for transports will be routed to Emergency Management.
 - C. **PRIORITIES:** “In progress” calls for service will take priority over transport services. While transporting, assigned units will not respond to the scene of an event that would endanger the safety of any non-sworn personnel in the police unit. If the transporting officer must respond to such an event, non-sworn passengers should be discharged from the police unit at a safe and reasonable location.
 - D. **LIMITATIONS:** A sworn supervisor must approve any transport outside the boundaries of Madison County or the city limits in another county. No more than four (4) persons will occupy a police vehicle at one time.