

	STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE State Form 39870 (R/S-06)	Reference Number ENF-014
	Subject Police Escort Policy	
	Special Instructions Replaces ENF-003 dated January 1, 2012	Effective Date January 15, 2015

I. PURPOSE

Establish guidelines for approval of emergency and non-emergency escorts.

II. POLICY

The Department shall provide escorts whenever authorized or specific circumstances require.

III. PROCEDURE

A. Escorts may be provided in the following instances:

1. Emergency injury or illness when appropriate;
2. Security of monies, valuable merchandise, or equipment;
3. Oversize vehicles and/or loads of such dimensions or nature as to create a traffic hazard, as outlined in CVE-009;
4. Hazardous cargo movement when specifically authorized by the appropriate commander or designee;
5. For sports teams when doing so is in the best interest of the safety of the team and of the general public. Emergency lighting during the escorts should be utilized only when necessary and appropriate, but always with the utmost discretion. Department personnel will not routinely utilize emergency lights or sirens to escort a team through an intersection or on any roadway unless that intersection or roadway is staffed by police officers and is part of a traffic pattern. This policy is not intended to prohibit escorts for emergency purposes at the discretion of the detail commander.

5. Other escorts as specifically authorized by the appropriate commander or designee.

B. The emergency lighting may be used on non-emergency escorts when necessary and appropriate, however, with the utmost discretion.

C. Operation of Department commissions shall at all times be in compliance with ENF-001 (Operation of a Department Commission); which includes a section on emergency driving.

D. This order shall not be construed to prohibit any escort of an emergency nature within the discretion of the district duty officer, but shall serve as a guide to routine escort requests.

E. This procedure is to be used in conjunction with all relevant Department regulations, rules, policies, and procedures.