

## **9.07.000 SPECIALIZED VEHICLES**

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### **POLICY:** 09/09

The Sheriff's Office utilizes special purpose vehicles as needed. Personnel assigned to operate these specialized vehicles must be trained in their proper operation, maintenance, and the special tactical considerations unique to each individual vehicle. These vehicles include, but are not limited to: the major crimes response vehicle, prisoner transport vehicle, jail transport vehicles, multi-use mobile command vehicle, motorcycles, marine vessels, helicopters, airport rescue fire vehicles, bomb disposal vehicles, and TAC-30 vehicles.

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### **RESPONSIBILITIES:** 09/09

The Commander for each respective Division maintains oversight authority of and policy implementation related to department specialized vehicles. Contract City Chiefs and Unit Commanders shall maintain the oversight when specialized vehicles belong to contract cities or other entities (i.e., King County Airport). They also makes final policy decisions related to the selection and basic outfitting of all specialized vehicles within the division, contract city or other entity.

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### **TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS:** 09/09

1. A deputy must successfully complete department approved training for the operation of specialized vehicles while on assignment.
2. Unit commanders will ensure that deputies assigned to operate specialized vehicles keep their skills current with on-going in-service training, and may designate training days to work on specific skills.
3. A list of deputies who are qualified and trained to operate specialized vehicles will be maintained by the unit to which the vehicle is assigned.

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### **OPERATION:** 09/09

1. Specialized vehicles may be deployed in any area that requires the use of these vehicles and equipment.
2. The CDO, unit commander and supervisors assigned to the unit will determine when the use of the specialized vehicle is appropriate.
3. The unit commander and the supervisors assigned to the unit will determine the limitations of the use of the specialized vehicles, and may develop a unit manual to address specific operational procedures.
4. Due to their unique functions specialized vehicles may be deployed at community events with an operator on scene to answer the public's questions about their function and deployment.

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### **EQUIPMENT:** 09/09

1. Each deputy, authorized to operated a specialized vehicle, will be equipped with department approved specialized uniform and gear the department requires for the operation of a special vehicle.

2. Specialized vehicles will be equipped based on the generally accepted standard for their intended use.
  - a. Additional equipment may be added as approved by the unit commander.
  - b. Equipment should be checked regularly.
  - c. Unit commanders will document their inventory control measures for any specialized equipment items.
3. Any damage to a specialty vehicle or equipment will be reported to the unit commander.

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**MAINTENANCE:** 09/09

1. Deputies will perform basic maintenance and safety checks on their vehicle or equipment, as taught during training.
2. Maintenance and repairs that are beyond the deputy's training or ability will be conducted by authorized personnel.