

MESA POLICE Department Policy Manual	Use of Push Bars	DPM 1.8.30 Effective 04/06/2012
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1. PURPOSE

This policy provides Mesa Police Department (MPD) members guidelines for the use of push bars mounted on MPD vehicles.

2. GENERAL

2.1 Use of Push Bars

- A. Push bars enable the member to clear disabled vehicles from the travel portion of the roadway and at the same time protect the vehicles involved.
- B. Use discretion as to when to use the MPD vehicle for the purpose of pushing other vehicles.
 - 1. In order to prevent possible damage which may result from the contact of the two vehicles, do not remain in contact with the other vehicle while turning corners or going through dips in the roadway.
- C. Push vehicles the shortest possible distance.

2.2 Prohibited Uses

- A. Pushing vehicles with MPD vehicles not equipped with push bars.
- B. Pushing a vehicle if doing so could result in damage to property or injury to persons.
- C. Pushing a stalled vehicle for the purpose of starting the vehicle.

2.3 Community Service Truck

- A. For starting vehicles call for a Community Service Truck.
- B. If a Community Service Truck is unavailable, call for a Patrol supervisor's vehicle, if it is equipped with jumper cables.

2.4 If Damage or Injury Occurs

- A. Incidents resulting in damage to either vehicle are considered a vehicle collision.
- B. Follow Department policy for collisions involving a Department vehicle.

RESOURCES

- [DPM Traffic Collisions – Department Vehicles](#)