

<b>MESA POLICE</b>  Department Policy Manual	<b>Escorting Non-Emergency Vehicles/Transporting Citizens &amp; Injured Persons</b>	<b>DPM 1.8.35</b> Effective 04/06/2012 Revised 07/06/2021
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## 1. PURPOSE

This policy provides Mesa Police Department (MPD) members with the guidelines for escorting non-emergency vehicles and for transporting citizens and injured persons.

## 2. GENERAL

### 2.1 Non-Emergency Escort

Do not escort non-emergency vehicles, except for the following:

- A. Authorized funeral details.
- B. Special details authorized by the Traffic Section Lieutenant (i.e., dignitaries and parades).

### 2.2 Emergency Escort

Department members cannot use emergency equipment, or drive at an illegal speed when serving as an escort to any vehicle, except when the escort or transport is necessary for:

- A. The preservation of life.
- B. The delivery of supplies and personnel for the armed forces during a period of national emergency.
- C. Discretion of the Chief of Police or designee (i.e., visiting dignitaries).

### 2.3 Transporting Citizens

- A. Only transport citizens in Department vehicles if necessary to accomplish duties.

### 2.4 Transporting Children

- A. Do not transport children, under the age of 12, in seat restraints (i.e., seat belts, car seats, etc.) in vehicles equipped with prisoner screens, plastic seats, and/or seats not fastened down.
  - 1. Use an alternative vehicle for transport using the seat restraints as directed.
  - 2. Install and use the seat per manufacturer's recommendations.
- B. Seat restraints are available at each Patrol Division and at the Traffic Section.

### 2.5 Transporting Injured Persons / Medical Emergencies

- A. In cases involving medical emergencies, request the Mesa Fire & Medical Department (MFMD) respond to the scene.

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- B. Do not use Department vehicles to transport injured persons to a hospital. Call for an ambulance.
1. Exceptions to this rule may be made in unusual cases or exceptional circumstances.