

<p>MESA POLICE</p> <p>Department Policy Manual</p>	<p>Vehicle Operations Review Board (VORB)</p>	<p>DPM 1.11.15</p> <p>Effective 11/19/2015 Revised 09/11/2025</p>
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1. PURPOSE

This policy outlines for members of the Mesa Police Department (MPD) the purpose, membership, responsibilities, and reporting procedures of the Vehicle Operations Review Board (VORB).

2. GENERAL

2.1 Purpose

The VORB provides an evaluative review of vehicle operations by MPD members with a focus on safety, training, and policy.

2.2 Authority

The VORB acts under the authority of the Chief of Police and is scalable in size based on the nature of the incident under review.

2.3 Board Composition

A. The Board is led by a Chairperson at the rank of Commander and consists of the following voting members and non-voting observers:

1. **Voting Members:**

- a. Chairperson (Commander)
- b. Policy Lieutenant
- c. Training Lieutenant
- d. Patrol Operations Lieutenant
- e. Advanced Training Sergeant
- f. Police Driving Coordinator
- g. Vehicular Crimes Unit (VCU) Detective
- h. Special Operations Detective
- i. Patrol Officer(s)

2. **Non-Voting Observers:**

- a. Communications Supervisor
- b. Internal Affairs (IA)
- c. Member of the Police Labor Association(s)

2.4 Term Limitations

A. Members serve for three-year terms from the date of appointment.

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- B. Upon completion of the initial three-year term, members may continue to serve on the board on a year-by-year basis, subject to annual review and approval by the current VORB Chairperson.
- C. VORB members may be replaced at the discretion of the VORB Chairperson.

2.5 Quorum

A quorum of **five** members is required to review applicable vehicle-related incidents.

2.6 Incident Review

- A. The VORB is responsible for overseeing the review, reporting, and tracking of qualifying vehicle-related incidents. Based on the circumstances and in collaboration with the affected Division Commander, the VORB Chairperson will determine whether a full board review is warranted. Incidents that may be subject to VORB review include but are not limited to:
 1. Member-involved pursuits when review is deemed necessary after Division review.
 2. Member response to vehicles failing to yield or unlawful flight from law enforcement if review is deemed necessary after Division review.
 3. Member application of vehicle immobilization techniques to include:
 - a. Grappler Vehicle Immobilization (*see review criteria in Section 2.6*)
 - b. Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT)
 - c. Stop Stick® (*see review criteria in Section 2.6*)
 - d. Vehicle Containments
 4. Notice of claims when a VORB review has not been completed previously.
 5. Incidents with potential for the involved member(s) to receive serious discipline.

2.7 Criteria for Review of Grappler & Stop Stick® Deployments

- A. A VORB review will only be conducted for Grappler and Stop Stick® deployments under the following conditions and/or at the discretion of the Chief of Police, their designee, or the VORB Chairperson:
 1. The device is deployed following a failure to yield (FTY) or during a vehicle pursuit (whether declared or undeclared); and/or
 2. There is an injury or allegation of injury to an involved citizen.

3. VORB RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Activation of Review

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The VORB Chairperson will identify and establish a VORB review for all applicable vehicle-related incidents.

3.2 Meeting Frequency

The VORB will meet monthly, or as needed, to ensure a timely review of their assigned incidents.

3.3 Documentation Gathering

- A. The VORB will obtain the necessary documentation to review the incident. Documentation may include but is not limited to:
 1. Blue Team entries
 2. Departmental reports (GOs)
 3. Available AVL histories
 4. Available video
 5. Communications tapes

3.4 Incident Evaluation Criteria

- A. For each applicable incident, the VORB Chairperson will ensure review and evaluation considering the following:
 1. **Policy:**
 - a. Did the involved member(s) perform within current policy?
 - b. Does current policy adequately address the circumstances of the incident?
 - c. Does related policy need to be revised?
 2. **Training:**
 - a. Did the involved member(s) perform consistent with provided training?
 - b. Does current training adequately address the circumstances of the incident?
 - c. Do training materials or methods need to be revised?

4. REPORTING

4.1 Review & Approval of Reports

Final reports produced by the VORB will require review and approval by the VORB Chairperson prior to dissemination.

4.2 Annual Reporting [ALEAP 21.2K]

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At the conclusion of each calendar year, the VORB Chairperson will prepare a comprehensive report summarizing the Department's vehicle-related incidents. The completed report will be forwarded to the Chief of Police for review.