



OFFICIAL ORDER

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

Chapter: Property, Evidence, and Forfeiture
Subject: 12-10 – Disposition of Motor Vehicles
Effective: April 19, 2022
Supersedes: Official Order 62, Section 62.3.7, dated October 27, 2020
Distribution: Department Members

PURPOSE: This Order establishes department policy related to the disposition of motor vehicles.

12-10-1 MOTOR VEHICLES

A. Impoundment Order

- (1) Pursuant to [MCL 257.904b](#), department officers shall pick up all vehicles ordered impounded where an impoundment order, in writing, has been issued by the court on a department case and directed to the department for service.
- (2) In the event the court verbally orders a vehicle impounded on a department case, the judge shall be requested to make the order in writing. If the court refuses to issue the order in writing, the vehicle shall not be impounded by members of this department. A report of such incident shall be forwarded through channels to the appropriate bureau commander.
- (3) The court shall also be requested to issue sufficient copies of the impoundment so that the officers may leave one copy with the party from whom the vehicle is impounded, deliver one to the impounding agency or garage, place one in the post work file, and place one in the post master file.
- (4) An impoundment order does not require the officers to physically impound the vehicle but to request a wrecker company to do so. When the pickup is made at a location other than the court or jail, officers shall accompany the wrecker driver.
- (5) A department records management system Property Segment entry is not required when a copy of the impoundment order is attached to the incident report.

B. Inventory of Impounded Vehicles

Vehicles impounded by members shall be inventoried according to the procedures outlined in procedure manual related to towing and impounding vehicles.

C. Assistance to Other Agencies

This department shall not impound vehicles on an impoundment order resulting from another department's case but shall accompany an officer from that department while the vehicle is being picked up if requested to do so.

- D. When an entry into the department records management system Property Segment is or is not needed.
- (1) When a member orders a vehicle towed to be held as evidence, entry into the department records management system Property Segment is required. The department records management system Property receipt shall be signed by the registered owner, or representative, on final disposition at the post level.
 - (2) When a vehicle is towed in for safekeeping at the request of the owner (such as an accident or arrest situation), entry into the department records management system Property Segment is not required.
- E. In the case of an abandoned vehicle, refer to the procedure manual related to towing and impounding vehicles.

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