


<b>STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>  	Type of Directive: <b>Policy and Procedure</b>	Updated: <b>03-03-2023</b>
	Title: <b>VIP Security &amp; Police Escorts</b>	No. <b>7.24.3</b>
	Issuing Authority: <b>Chief Joseph McNeil</b>	Issued: <b>05-09-2019</b>
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### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for the security of VIP's visiting within the Town of Stratford and govern the escorts of civilian vehicles.

### **POLICY:**

It shall be the policy of the Stratford Police Department to assist and provide security for visiting dignitaries.

### **PROCEDURE:**

The Stratford Police Department will coordinate security with the outside agencies that have the primary duty for the protection and security of the visiting VIP.

The Chief of Police will designate a supervisor who will have the overall responsibility for the planning and supervision of the Stratford Police Department security detail and will coordinate activities with the appropriate security agency and planning/staffing requirements with the Patrol Division Commander.

Pending advance notification from the responsible security agency, the following operational procedures will be implemented if required or requested:

- Consulting local, state, and federal intelligence agencies for known or suspected personalities residing in the area who might pose a threat to the VIP
- Coordinating VIP itinerary with other adjacent law enforcement agencies who might be affected
- Arranging for primary and alternate motor routes within the Town of Stratford
- Inspecting buildings and concealment sites along motor routes and at destination prior to VIP arrival
- Notification of Town Fire and EMS services of impending VIP visit for emergency medical response
- Designating a hospital as primary emergency medical receiving point to include LIFE-STAR

- Assure that all officers assigned to VIP security duty are equipped with personal body armor
- Assignment of SRT (Special Response Team)
- Coordinating special vehicle requirements
- Assure that ballistic vests are available to all visiting VIPs
- Ensure that all personnel assigned to VIP duty are equipped with portable radios
- Determine the method of identification of officers assigned to VIP security detail
- Prior to arrival of the VIP the event commander will schedule an organizational meeting in order to coordinate operational activities

The Federal/State security agencies assigned to protect the VIP will determine the degree of security imposed on the operation. The Public Information Officer will be responsible for all media releases.

**Motorized Escorts** - Generally, the Department does not provide escorts in the following circumstances.

- Civilian vehicles during medical emergencies, but will summon emergency medical services and render first aid, except under EXTREME circumstances, and only with the approval of a supervisor.
- Funerals, with the approval of the Chief of Police or his/her designee. When so approved, officers will provide traffic control for the funeral procession as directed by shift commander, with emphasis on major intersections, and stopping bystander vehicles, allowing the procession to continue.
- Escorts for oversized loads, and hazardous cargo will be referred to the Head of the Patrol Division, who shall assign officers for traffic control and/or security as needed.
- Officers shall notify a supervisor if they believe additional officers may be needed to safely provide an escort and officers will be deployed where necessary, if manpower permits.