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SUBJECT: POLICE VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

4.01.01 POLICY

This policy provides guidelines for the marking and outfitting of police vehicles. All vehicles used for routine patrol by uniformed patrol officers should be marked and equipped appropriately for responding to emergency situations and assisting employees in performing their duties while in the field.

Refer to policy 4.02 for maintenance and inspection guidelines for all vehicles.

4.01.02 PROCEDURES

A. Marked Patrol Vehicles

1. The Wheat Ridge Police Department shall maintain conformance and consistency in the marking of police vehicles. The markings will allow for patrol vehicles to be easily recognizable by the general public as police emergency vehicles.
2. Marked police vehicles will be equipped with overhead emergency lights, spotlights, alley lights and flashing white forward-facing lights to assist in recognition and provide illumination.
 - a. The overhead lights will show red, blue and optional white from the front and red, blue and optionally amber from the rear. The lights will be of sufficient brightness to be visible from a long distance.
 - b. Other optional emergency lights may be utilized at the discretion of the Chief of Police to accommodate increased visibility.
3. Marked police vehicles will be equipped with a siren and public address speaker to facilitate recognition and alerting of emergency conditions and communication with the public.
4. Each vehicle assigned for patrol duty shall be equipped with the following equipment:
 - a. Mobile radio transceiver
 - b. Mobile Data Computer
 - c. Fire extinguisher
 - d. Traffic Cones
 - e. Current insurance and registration documents
 - f. Accident scene measuring device
 - g. Barricade tape
 - h. Evidence kit to include Bags, DNA Swabs and Envelops.
 - i. IFAK
 - j. Breaching Kit

5. Marked police vehicles will have doors to accommodate prisoner transport. The vehicles may be specially equipped with protective shields, inoperable rear interior door handles and other equipment at the discretion of the Chief of Police to further accommodate prisoner transports.
6. Responsibility for the routine maintenance of marked police vehicles and replenishment of supplies is the responsibility of all officers and ultimately their supervisors assigned to the Patrol Operations Division.

B. Police Motorcycles

1. Each motorcycle assigned for patrol duty shall be equipped with the following equipment:
 - a. WRPD markings on each side and "POLICE" markings on the side storage bags
 - b. Emergency lights visible from the front and rear of the motorcycle.
 - c. Audible emergency siren
 - d. Mobile radio transceiver
 - e. Current insurance and registration documents
 - f. Reflective traffic vest, accident scene measuring device, in the side storage bags.
 - g. IFAK
 - h. Eye protection to include Helmets with eye protection for day / night use.
2. The officer assigned a motorcycle and ultimately the supervisor of the Crash And Traffic Team (CATT) is responsible for the maintenance and replenishment of supplies for the motorcycle.

C. Community Services Team Vehicles

1. Community Services vehicles will maintain most of the consistency and conformance in markings as outlined for marked police vehicles. These vehicles will be clearly marked as Community Services vehicles to avoid citizen confusion.
2. Due to the range of assignments and responsibilities of this team, the size and capabilities of the vehicles will be variable.
3. These vehicles will be equipped with:
 - a. A mobile radio transceiver.
 - b. Traps, cages, catchpoles and other equipment necessary to safely handle a variety animal, park and code enforcement calls.
 - c. Current insurance and registration documents
 - d. Overhead lights, spotlights, alley lights and flashing headlights to assist in recognition and provide illumination.
 - i. The overhead lights will show yellow and white from the front and rear. The lights will be of sufficient brightness to be visible from a long distance.
 - e. Siren and public address speaker to facilitate recognition and alerting of emergency conditions and communication with the public.
 - f. Fire extinguisher
 - j. IFAK

- k. Other required equipment will be at the discretion of the Community Services Team Supervisor and the Chief of Police.
- 4. Responsibility for the routine maintenance of community services team vehicles and replenishment of supplies rests with the officer and Community Services Team Supervisor.
- D. Mobile Command Post Van
 - 1. The Mobile Command Post van contains specialized communications equipment to serve as the command post for major events. The Mobile Command Post van will be striped and marked in a manner consistent with marked patrol vehicles.
 - 2. The mobile command post van can be used for:
 - a. SWAT callouts
 - b. Major crime scenes
 - c. All-hazard events
 - d. As an alternate communications center
 - e. As determined by the Division Chief of Patrol Operations or Chief of Police.
 - 3. Equipment maintained in the van includes:
 - a. Mobile police radio transceivers and communications consoles
 - b. Printer, and copy equipment
 - c. White boards and markers for drawing, planning and organizing
 - d. Fire extinguisher
 - e. IFAK
 - f. Mobile Data Computer terminals
 - g. Current registration and insurance documents
 - h. Barricade tape
 - 4. The mobile command post van will be equipped with overhead lights, spotlights, flashing headlights, rear warning lights and an audible siren and public address system.
 - 5. Responsibility for the maintenance of this vehicle and replenishment of supplies rests with the SWAT Negotiations Supervisor and ultimately the SWAT Commander or their designee.
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- F. Police Bicycles
 - 1. Police bicycles will be marked in such a manner that the word "POLICE" is clearly visible from each side.
 - 2. Responsibility for the routine maintenance and replenishment of supplies for police bicycles rests with the Community Services Team Supervisor or designee.
 - 3. Required equipment for police bicycles includes:
 - a. Tool kit
 - b. Emergency lights

- c. Saddlebag which includes first aid kit and miscellaneous forms
- d. Personal riding equipment which includes bicycle helmet, eye protection and hand protection.

G. Unmarked Police vehicles

1. Unmarked police vehicle used for patrol operations will be equipped with the following equipment:
 - a. A combination of red and blue flashing lights that are visible from the front of the vehicle.
 - b. Red and blue flashing lights mounted in the rear window of unmarked police vehicles.
 - c. A mobile radio transceiver
 - d. Fire extinguisher
 - e. First aid kit
 - f. Barricade tape
 - ~~g.~~ IFAK
2. Responsibility for the routine maintenance and replenishment of supplies for unmarked police vehicles rests with the assigned operator/user/department assigned the vehicle.