

DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER 99-73

OFFICE of the CHIEF OF POLICE
REPLACES: SOP 501.61.00

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VEHICLE ESCORTS

I. PURPOSE.

To establish guidelines governing the circumstances when department vehicles may provide escort services to other vehicles and/or persons.

II. DEFINITIONS.

Escort - To lead and/or accompany for guidance, protection, or reasons of courtesy.

III. ESCORT SERVICES.

Department vehicles, both marked and unmarked, shall not escort ambulances, fire equipment, or private vehicles for either medical or fire emergencies.

However, marked department vehicles may, contingent upon approval by the Chief of Police, Commander of the Field Operations Bureau, Watch Commander, or on-duty supervisor, provide escort services under the following circumstances:

1. Official Motorcade.
2. Parades.
3. Funerals.
4. Hazardous or Unusual Cargo Carriers.
5. Oversized Vehicles.
6. Other Situations as Necessary.

It should also be noted that those escort details which may be approved by the Watch Commander and on-duty supervisor will be limited to specific situational responses such as are listed in numbers four through six above.

BY ORDER OF:

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