

WINTER HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER 41.2

SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES

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POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Winter Haven Police Department to utilize and maintain specialized equipment that is necessary to carry out the Department's duties and responsibilities.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order shall be to establish the criteria for use of Special Purpose Vehicles.

SCOPE

This General Order shall apply to all Department members.

PROCEDURE

I. Emergency Response Team Vehicle

- A. The Emergency Response Team (ERT) shall have a specialized vehicle, which is authorized to be used during crisis situations. (CALEA 41.1.3 a) (CFA 14.02a,b,c,d)
 - 1. The ERT Commander or Assistant Commander shall authorize the use of the vehicle. (CALEA 41.1.3 a)

2. Any member who has a valid Florida Drivers License may operate the vehicle as authorized by the ERT Commander or Assistant Commander. (CALEA 41.1.3b)
3. The ERT Commander or Assistant Commander shall assign two members of each team to be responsible for the maintenance of the vehicle. (CALEA 41.1.3 c)
4. The vehicle shall be equipped with specialized equipment designated by the ERT Commander or Assistant Commander. (CALEA 41.1.3d)

II. Traffic Division Motorcycles

- A. Members of the Traffic Division are assigned motorcycles for traffic enforcement, traffic crash investigations, airplane crash investigations, and other traffic related functions. (CALEA 41.1.3a) (CFA 14.02a,b,c,d)
 1. Weather conditions and motorcycle capabilities will be taken into consideration in the assignment of motorcycles.
 2. Department motorcycles shall be operated by a member who has a valid Florida Drivers License with a motorcycle endorsement and who has successfully passed the Department's motorcycle skills test. There shall be an annual proficiency evaluation required of those assigned to motorcycle duties. (CALEA 41.1.3b) (CFA 14.02c)
 3. The officer assigned to the motorcycle shall be responsible for the maintenance and condition of the motorcycle. (CALEA 41.1.3c)
 4. Each Department motorcycle shall be a marked unit and be equipped with emergency red/blue lights and siren. Each motorcycle shall carry equipment necessary to conduct its individual specialized mission. (CALEA 41.1.3d)

III. Surveillance Vehicle

- A. Select members from the Investigative or Uniform Services Bureau are authorized to use the surveillance vehicle for covert operations as approved by their Bureau Commander or designee. Its purpose is to assist in obtaining intelligence and/or evidence of criminal activity. (CALEA 41.1.3a) (CFA 14.02a,b,c,d)
- B. These select members shall have a valid Florida Drivers License. These same members are responsible for the maintenance of this vehicle. (CALEA 41.1.3b, c)
- C. Equipment utilized in this vehicle includes, but is not limited to: (CALEA 41.1.3d)
 1. Audio/video recording devices;
 2. Surveillance equipment; and
 3. Other specialized equipment, designated by a supervisor, necessary to conduct investigations.

IV. Crime Scene Vehicle

A. The Department's Crime Scene Vehicle shall be utilized and maintained for processing all types of major crime scenes, training, public displays, or other Department functions authorized by an Investigative Services Supervisor. (CALEA 41.1.3a) (CFA 14.02a,b,c,d)

1. Use of Crime Scene Vehicle

a. Members of the Special Investigations Division who have a valid Florida Drivers License, have completed training in crime scene processing may be authorized, by the Investigative Services Supervisor, to use the vehicle. (CALEA 41.1.3b)

1) Any member with a valid Florida Drivers License may relocate the Crime Scene Vehicle at the request of the Crime Scene Investigator/Supervisor.

b. The Investigative Services Supervisor assigns members the responsibility for the daily maintenance of the vehicle and equipment. The Investigative Services Supervisor shall be responsible for the condition and maintenance of the vehicle. (CALEA 41.1.3c)

c. The Crime Scene Vehicle shall be equipped with specialized equipment, designated by the Investigative Services Supervisor, necessary for the members to process all types of major crime scenes. (CALEA 41.1.3d)

V. All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)

A. The Department's ATV is a marked four-wheel drive, all terrain vehicle for use in searching for missing children/person(s) in hard to reach/all terrain areas, special events, parades and/or other specialized functions as assigned by the Chief of Police or designee. (CALEA 41.1.3a) (CFA 14.02a,b,c,d)

1. The primary operators of the ATV are members of Uniform Services Bureau or the Volunteer Unit. Any Department member who operates the ATV shall hold a valid Florida Drivers License. (CALEA 41.1.3b)

2. The Uniform Services Bureau Commander or designee is responsible for the periodic and scheduled maintenance of the ATV. (CALEA 41.1.3c)

3. The ATV may be equipped with police emergency red/blue lights and siren, an AED, fire extinguisher, Frisboub, and/or specialized equipment as needed. (CALEA 41.1.3d)

VI. Golf Carts

A. The Department's Golf Carts are marked vehicles for use in parking enforcement, special events, parades and/or other specialized functions, as assigned by the Chief of Police or designee. (CALEA 41.1.3a) (CFA 14.02a,b,c,d,)

1. The primary operators of the Golf Carts are members of Uniform Services Bureau or the Volunteer Unit. Any Department member who operates the Golf Carts shall hold a valid Florida Drivers License. (CALEA 41.1.3b)
2. The Uniform Services Bureau Commander or designee is responsible for the periodic and scheduled maintenance of the Golf Carts. (CALEA 41.1.3c)
3. The Golf Carts may be equipped with police emergency red/blue lights and/or amber lights, an AED, fire extinguisher and/or specialized equipment as needed. (CALEA 41.1.3d)

APPROVED 

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