

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. (CFA 14.02a,b,c,d)
 1. The ERT Commander or Assistant Commander shall authorize the use of the vehicle.

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

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. (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. (CFA 14.02c)
 3. The officer assigned to the motorcycle shall be responsible for the maintenance and condition of the motorcycle.
 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.

III. 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. (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.
 - 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.

- 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.

IV. 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. (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.
 - 2. The Uniform Services Bureau Commander or designee is responsible for the periodic and scheduled maintenance of the ATV.
 - 3. The ATV may be equipped with police emergency red/blue lights and siren, an AED, fire extinguisher, Frisbouy, and/or specialized equipment as needed.

V. 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. (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.
 - 2. The Uniform Services Bureau Commander or designee is responsible for the periodic and scheduled maintenance of the Golf Carts.
 - 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.



APPROVED

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