

**NEW SMYRNA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA**

POLICY AND PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE

TITLE: SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES

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ATTACHMENT:

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to provide guidance for the use of special purpose vehicles and to identify the person(s), position(s) responsible for the condition and maintenance of the vehicle or vessel.

B. POLICY

The vehicles listed in this directive have been identified by the department as special purpose vehicles. This directive will address the following for each vehicle:

1. A statement of the objective of the vehicle operation or usage;
2. Instructions, conditions, and limitations of usage;
3. Authorization for use in various situations;
4. Qualifications and training for personnel assigned to operate the vehicle;
5. Designation of the person or position responsible for the condition and maintenance of the vehicle;
6. A listing of equipment, if any, to be kept in or on the vehicle;
7. A listing of persons or positions authorized to operate the vehicle and its equipment.

C. PROCEDURES

14.5.1 Police Motorcycles

1. The New Smyrna Beach Police motorcycle is a standard motorcycle equipped with a law enforcement package used to enforce traffic laws and for road patrol functions. The police motorcycle is highly maneuverable in congested areas like special events.
2. A police motorcycle is a single passenger vehicle limited to on road use. It requires a motorcycle endorsed driver license to operate.
3. A police motorcycle is authorized for use by all trained police department motor officers in all situations applicable for motor use.
4. Each New Smyrna Beach Police Department Traffic Unit member must possess a motorcycle endorsement on their driver license and pass a minimum 80-hour police motorcycle training course to operate a police motorcycle. Newly assigned members of the motor unit will attend the 80-hour course as soon as the course

becomes available and staffing levels permit, normally within six months of assignment.

5. Officers are responsible for their assigned motorcycle maintenance.
6. Equipment kept on a police motorcycle includes, emergency lights, siren, Speed Radar, First Aid Kit and press-to-talk button on handlebars for hands-free portable radio utilizing Bluetooth capabilities.
7. New Smyrna Beach Police officers assigned to the Traffic Unit are authorized to use the police motorcycles.

14.5.2 SWAT Armored Personnel Carrier/MRAP

1. The vehicle is used as a protective transportation vehicle for the SWAT Team. It may be utilized for injured person rescue, chemical agent delivery, mechanical breaching and movement in hostile environments.
2. The vehicle may be used anytime there is a threat to the safety of the SWAT Team. The vehicle may be used under special situations without the SWAT Team being present if deemed appropriate by the Chief of Police or designee. The vehicle should be used with caution on graded terrain or near low power lines in accordance with conditions outlined during familiarization training.
3. The use of the vehicle will be at the discretion of the Chief of Police or designee.
4. Due to the vehicles' weight, height and operating systems, special familiarization training is required for operation; training will be facilitated by the Special Operations Sergeant or his designee. No special licensing is required for operation.
5. A designated team member is responsible for operation and maintenance of the vehicle. The team member is designated and overseen by the Special Operations Sergeant.
6. Ammunition, entry tools, chemical agents, ballistic shields, and other authorized SWAT equipment may be stored in the vehicle periodically as needed for team operations.
7. Trained members are authorized to operate the vehicle.

14.5.3 Police Bicycles

1. The police bicycles are primarily used for special events and patrol purposes in shopping centers and residential areas.
2. Safety helmets are required for the operation of the bicycles.
3. Special training is required from an approved Police Bicycle training program prior to operating the bicycles.
4. The Support Services Division Commanding Officer or designee is responsible for the condition and maintenance of the bicycles.
5. The bicycles are equipped with headlights, reflectors, and saddlebags to hold report forms and citation books.
6. Any department officer trained and authorized by the Support Services Division Commanding Officer may operate the bicycles.

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**Authorized: Signature on File
Chief Mike Coffin**