

PALM BEACH GARDENS POLICE DEPARTMENT

PATROL VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT

POLICY AND PROCEDURE 4.2.1.8

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PURPOSE: To identify marking, lettering, and equipment in department vehicles utilized in patrol and traffic (accident investigation) applications.

SCOPE: All members utilizing a patrol vehicle.

REVIEW RESPONSIBILITY: Patrol Operations Bureau Commander and Fleet Manager

POLICY: This department realizes that vehicles (patrol cars) utilized in patrol/traffic/general service must be conspicuously marked. Each patrol vehicle should be properly equipped in order that officers respond effectively to the varying demands of the patrol responsibility.

PROCEDURE:

1. RESPONSIBILITY

- a. All members utilizing a patrol vehicle are responsible for the care and use of equipment and restocking of supplies as needed as well as any compromise or damage to the vehicle and its identification markings. The Fleet Manager has the overall responsibility for control of and maintenance of the patrol (marked) vehicles.

2. PATROL (MARKED) VEHICLES

- a. Patrol cars primarily used in the assignment of beat coverage and/or accident investigation shall be:
 - i. Clearly marked/lettered with:
 1. "Police" lettering
 2. Vehicle number (on roof as well as sides of vehicle)
 3. Special use notations to include, but limited to:
 - a. Accident investigation
 - b. K-9 unit
 - c. Supervisor
 4. Reflective striping / lettering
 - b. Equipped with:
 - i. Emergency (warning) lights (red/blue);
 - ii. Siren;
 - iii. Loud speaker system for official use only in the manner for which it was designed, emergency or non emergency.
 - iv. Mobile radio transceiver;
 - v. Hazard warning lights to be used at officer discretion, but not as a substitute for emergency lights.

- vi. Any other equipment which may be necessary for the operational function, which includes, but not limited to:
1. Blanket
 2. First Aid Kit
 3. Traffic Cones
 4. Flares
 5. Fire Extinguisher
 6. Water Bottle
 7. Protective kit (gloves, mask)

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