

CULVER CITY POLICE

GENERAL ORDER

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TO: ALL SWORN PERSONNEL

FROM: THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SUBJECT: ARMORED VEHICLE POLICY

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction for the use, training, and storage of the Armored Vehicle (AV)

USE OF THE ARMORED VEHICLE:

The use of the AV is to assist with the preservation of life and enhance the safety of citizens and officers. The AV shall be deployed in situations where its use would enhance the advantage of police personnel, aid in the rescue of injured persons, and improve the likelihood that an incident can be resolved without the use of deadly force.

Use of the AV shall be authorized by the Emergency Response Unit (ERU) Captain. If the ERU Captain cannot be reached, the Watch Commander can approve the use of the AV in emergency situations. The ERU Captain shall be notified following any emergency AV deployments and advised of the circumstances surrounding the incident.

The Emergency Response Team Commander, along with the Military Equipment Coordinator, shall be notified following all AV deployments.

AUTHORIZED DEPLOYMENTS:

The AV shall only be deployed for critical incidents involving actual, threatened, or suspected violence related to loss of life or serious bodily injury. Such incidents include, but are not limited to:

- Active shooter/mass casualty Incidents
- Rescue operations
- Supporting search and arrest warrant operations
- Barricaded suspect operations
- Hostage operations
- During encounters with self-destructive, violent, dangerous, and/or combative subjects.

- During department-approved training exercise.
- Perimeter Searches for Armed and/or Felony Suspects

The AV, with approval granted by the Chief of Police or his/her designee, can be used for community events, public relations display, and mutual aid assistance.

PROHIBITED USE OF ARMORED VEHICLE:

The AV shall not be used for routine patrol functions or details. The AV at no time, will be used for intimidation purposes during peaceful protests or demonstrations.

USE OF THE ARMORED VEHICLE BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

The use of the Department's AV by outside agencies shall be authorized by the ERU Commander, or his/her designee.

ARMORED VEHICLE OPERATOR TRAINING:

Armored vans will be deployed by officers who have received department training in the vans' operation.

ARMORED VEHICLE STORAGE:

The Department's AV will be stored at the Culver City Police Department. It may be stored in the City Maintenance yard when repairs are necessary.

ARMORED VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:

Maintenance of the AV is the responsibility of the ERT Commander or his/her designee. Officers from the Emergency Response Team will routinely check the AV, ensuring its equipment is properly stored and in good working order.

ARMORED VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT RECORDS:

All deployment and training records associated with the Armored Vehicle will be the responsibility of the Military Equipment Coordinator. The Military Equipment Coordinator will track each deployment incident, to include any/all non-ERT related deployments and additional maintenance/repair costs associated with the AV.



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