

707.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction for the usage, training, and storage of the rescue vehicle.

707.2 USE OF THE RESCUE VEHICLE

The use of rescue vehicle is to preserve life and enhance the safety of citizens and officers. The rescue vehicle should be deployed in situations that would enhance the tactical advantage of officers, aid in the rescue of injured persons, protect life and property, or improve the likelihood that an incident would be resolved without the use of deadly force or other force options.

The vehicle's purpose is to provide an armored rescue resource for officers when managing critical incidents, where there is an objective risk of injury or death to civilians or officers.

The use of the rescue vehicle will only be for supervisory approved purposes including, but not limited to, calls for service involving potentially armed subjects, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team callouts, serving high risk search and arrest warrants involving potentially armed subjects, officer or citizen rescues, or authorized training. The vehicle may also be used for community engagement efforts and other applications deemed appropriate and approved by the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

In emergency circumstances, the use of the rescue vehicle will be authorized by the on-duty watch commander. When practical to do so, the on-call Captain shall be notified the rescue vehicle was deployed and the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Generally, the rescue vehicle will not be utilized in crowd control situations or during times of civil unrest, protests or demonstrations unless there are objective facts demonstrating a risk of injury or death to police officers and/or the public. Use of the rescue vehicle during times of civil unrest requires authorization from the Chief of Police or his / her designee.

707.3 RESCUE VEHICLE OPERATION TRAINING

Officers are to be trained in the operation of the rescue vehicle prior to use. Training requirements will be set by the SWAT Commander. Training will include knowledge of this policy, rules of the road and basic knowledge of electronic/mechanical functions on the vehicle. The training will also include a driving exercise. SWAT personnel will receive advanced training and are expected to maintain a higher level of operational knowledge and expertise.

Only Campbell Police employees who have completed training and possess a valid California Driver's License will be authorized to drive/operate the rescue vehicle, unless a delayed deployment of the rescue vehicle would result in serious bodily injury or death.

707.4 RESCUE VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT

The rescue vehicle can be deployed in circumstances where there is an objective risk of injury or death to civilians and officers and use of the vehicle may reduce or resolve said risks by facilitating safe police management of the critical situation and / or the rescue of injured persons. Considerations for the deployment of the rescue vehicle:

- Assess the situation and, based on the objective facts, determine that the discretionary use of the rescue vehicle may contribute to the safe resolution of a critical incident, where there is a risk of injury or death to civilians or officers.

- The rescue vehicle may provide a tactical advantage in locating / containing a threat by providing cover for officers, facilitating a rescue of an injured person, or as a tactical resource to allow officers to take into custody a person who presents an objective risk of injury or death to civilians or officers.
- The rescue vehicle may be staged near the location of a pre-planned event for the purpose of providing a rapid response where circumstances posing risk of injury or death to civilians or officers could arise. The vehicle should be parked and staged in a manner appropriate for the circumstances.
- In most cases where the Watch Commander authorized the emergency deployment of the rescue vehicle, when feasible to do so, (2) SWAT Team members will be assigned to relieve the patrol officers in charge of the rescue vehicle at the scene of the deployment.
- Given proper authorization for deployment of the vehicle, officers should, whenever practical, create an operational plan for deployment of the vehicle.

The SWAT Commander will maintain a vehicle usage log to document the deployment of the rescue vehicle and the circumstances.

Nothing in this policy is meant to preclude the immediate deployment of the rescue vehicle to perform an officer or citizen rescue, to save lives that are in immediate danger of great bodily injury or death or to deliver the rescue vehicle to the scene of a callout.

707.5 PRE-PLANNED OPERATIONS Any sworn member of the Campbell Police Department may request to deploy the rescue vehicle in a pre-planned operation by making the request to a SWAT Team Leader. The request should include but is not limited to; the date and time frame of the operation; the location(s) of the operation; and the reason why the rescue vehicle is necessary for the operation. The request will be presented to the SWAT Commander or his/her designee who will be responsible for approving/denying the request.

707.6 USE OF THE RESCUE VEHICLE BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Non-Emergency requests for deployment of the rescue vehicle by an allied agency will be made through a SWAT Team leader who will then contact the SWAT Commander or his / her designee for authorization. If there is an allied agency request for an immediate rescue vehicle deployment to an emergency to assist in life-saving operations, the on-duty Watch Commander may authorize the deployment of the vehicle. When practical to do so, the on-call Captain shall be notified the rescue vehicle was deployed and the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Upon approving an allied agency's request, officers trained in the rescue vehicle deployment will be assigned to deliver the rescue vehicle to the requesting agency. It is recommended that one officer drive the rescue vehicle and one officer assist with escorting the rescue vehicle in a marked patrol vehicle. The officer(s) will respond to the incident and deploy the rescue vehicle per the orders of the Incident Commander of the allied agency. Officers will not deploy the rescue vehicle if the deployment conflicts with Campbell Police Department's policies, procedures, practices or established law. Officers arriving on scene with the rescue vehicle will act as operators and security for the vehicle.

707.7 OPERATING/STORAGE/MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

Backing

When operating the rescue vehicle in reverse and when persons, equipment or other property is within the immediate area of the rescue vehicle, a ground guide or spotter should be used unless officer safety would be jeopardized.

Inventory

The Officer operating the rescue vehicle during the deployment shall ensure that all the vehicle's equipment has been returned to the rescue vehicle once the deployment is completed.

Storage

The rescue vehicle will be stored in designated parking locations in the Campbell Police Department's secure lot unless authorization for an alternative storage location is granted by the SWAT Commander.

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