

MAUI COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**CHAPTER 304**  
**FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**

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**COMMAND VEHICLE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**  
**G.O. 304.11**

I. PURPOSE

To establish procedural guidelines related to the operation and utilization of the Command Vehicle.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Maui Police Department to provide a Command Vehicle that shall be utilized in critical operations as deemed necessary. All departmental employees shall be guided by the rules, regulations, and procedures established herein.

III. DEFINITIONS

**OPERATOR:** The Primary Officer (highest ranking) in charge of the vehicle during training and call-out operations.

**OPERATOR ASSISTANT:** The Secondary Officer that will assist in other duties as needed to facilitate the operations of the Command Vehicle.

**SECURED ENVIRONMENT:** An area that is predetermined not to be in the zone of potential threat either by natural or manmade means. The Command Vehicle should be situated in a location that, if needed, can be relocated in a timely manner.

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT:** Members of the Maui Police Department's Radio Shop who is in charge of all the equipment utilized for communications.

**MECHANICAL SUPPORT:** The Maui Fire Department's mechanical team that is in charge of mechanical repairs to the Command Vehicle as agreed upon in the Memorandum of Understanding.

IV. PROCEDURES

A. It shall be the discretion of the Assistant Chief of the Uniform Services Bureau or his/her

designee to utilize the Command Vehicle in critical operations. Upon request, the supervisor, of the Command Vehicle, shall call out a team of two (2) members, on (1) Operator, and one (1) Operator Assistant.

The supervisor will also call the supervisor of the Radio Shop to have his/her personnel respond for technical support and to verify their response.

- B. The Operator and Operator Assistant shall conduct a pre-check of the Command Vehicle upon leaving and a post check upon returning to the truck bay.
- C. The Operator and Operator Assistant shall plan a route to the scene and respond with lights and sirens. However, due to the size of the Command Vehicle, utmost discretion shall be used to maintain control. The driver shall maintain a safe speed regardless of the amount of time in responding to the scene.
- D. The Command Vehicle shall be located at a safe and secure environment away from the scene. A perimeter shall be set around the Command Vehicle and an Entry Control Point shall be made for security measures. The Entry Control Point shall be manned by a sworn officer at all times throughout the operation.
- E. A minimum of two (2) sworn officers trained in the Command Vehicle shall be present during the operation. Upon completion of the operation, the Command Vehicle shall be cleaned, inspected and prepared as soon as reasonably possible.

#### V. TRAINING

- A. Training will be done at least twice a month to ensure driving proficiency as well as planning of routes due to changes in roadways, new subdivisions, and new commercial parks.
- B. Cleaning, inspection, and preparation of the Command Vehicle shall be done at the end of each training for possible operations.

#### VI. TECHNICAL SUPPORT

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the Radio Shop personnel to conduct any technical support of the Command Vehicle during the operation. At least one (1) person from the Radio Shop shall be present during the course of the operation.

#### VII. MECHANICAL SUPPORT


- A. It shall be the responsibility under the Memorandum of Agreement that the Maui Fire Department mechanical support will be limited to the vehicle itself and to respond to the replenishment of fuel due to extended operations.

VIII. PROHIBITIONS

- A. The Command Vehicle shall not be utilized as a personnel carrying vehicle. Personnel riding in the Command Vehicle shall only sit within the confines of the two (2) front seats and the dispatch area. For safety reasons, no one will be allowed to sit in the operations or meeting areas while the mobile command vehicle is in motion.
- B. The Command Vehicle shall be used for meetings set by the highest ranking officer in charge. Permission for enter the Command Vehicle will be given by the Commander in Charge.
- C. The Command Vehicle shall not be used as a comfort station.

IX. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

- A. There is an agreement between the Maui Police Department and the Maui Fire Department for the use of the Command Vehicle.
- B. The Fire Chief or his designee may call for the use of the Command vehicle when needed in support of their operations. In these situations, the Operators may be a member of the Maui Police Department or the Maui Fire Department.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the agency utilizing the Command Vehicle to follow their own Standard Operating Procedures.

  
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