

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE  
OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 8098

TO: All Deputy Chiefs and Unit Commanders

SUBJECT: Towing Procedures

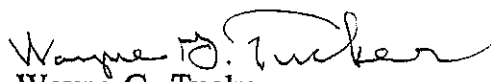
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EXPIRATION: Upon revision of Department General Order J-3, TOWING PROCEDURES

When towing a vehicle, an officer shall be mindful of the occupant(s)'s safety. The officer shall not expose such persons to an unreasonable risk of harm when determining whether to leave the vehicle's occupant(s) at the area of the tow without a means of transportation. If the officer determines leaving the occupants in the area of the tow is unsafe, the officer shall assist the occupant(s) in relocating to a safe location, e.g., the Substation or Police Administration Building. Some factors to consider in determining whether it is unsafe to leave a vehicle's occupants at the area of the tow are:

- The location of the tow;
- The time of the tow;
- The age of the occupant(s);
- The ability of the occupant(s) to independently relocate to a safe location;
  1. Whether the occupant (s) has funds to provide for other transportation; or
  2. Whether the occupant (s) confirms that he/she will make own arrangements; and
- Mental state or physical disability of occupant(s)

By order of

  
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