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Emergency Escort
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ALL MANNER OF ESCORTS: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PRIVATE

The purpose of this order is to set forth Departmental policy governing the use of police emergency vehicles for the escort of private conveyances.

I. ESCORT IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

- A. Members shall escort private vehicles to the hospital as requested by motorists if a passenger is so ill or injured that any delay in reaching the hospital may endanger his/her life.
- B. Vehicle Code Section 21057 authorizes emergency escorts. The escorting officer may use the red light and siren, if necessary, but shall maintain a reasonable speed and obey all traffic laws insofar as is practical.
- C. The primary responsibility of the member is to get the escorted vehicle to the hospital safely.
- D. Members shall advise the Communications Division immediately upon initiating an escort and give their starting location and hospital destination. Upon arriving at the hospital, members shall notify the Communications Division that the escort is terminated.

II. ESCORT IN SEMI-EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

- A. When the life of a sick or injured person does not appear to be in danger, members may escort private vehicles to the hospital as requested by motorists, but such escort shall be limited to assisting the vehicle through traffic.

- B. Use of the emergency lights and siren is not authorized in semi-emergency situations. The escorting officer shall obey all traffic laws.
- C. Members shall advise the Communications Division immediately upon initiating an escort and give their starting location and hospital destination. Upon arriving at the hospital, members shall notify the Communications Division that the escort is terminated.

III. ESCORT IN NONEMERGENCY SITUATIONS

- A. Members shall not escort private conveyances in non-emergency situations except at the order of supervisory or command officers.