



GENERAL ORDER

GENERAL ORDER 330.09

Deployment and Response of Special Operations Specialty Vehicles

EMERGENCY SERVICES BUREAU

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1 APPLICABILITY

2 All Personnel

3 POLICY

4 The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the deployment and response of Special
5 Operations Specialty Vehicles for various dispatch assignments. The specialty vehicles referenced in this
6 policy are referred to as Ops 10 in the Computer Aided Dispatch system and are not directly dispatched.
7 The following policy describes the procedure for dispatch and response of Decon 13, Transport 10,
8 Transport 12 and Water Rescue 10, as well as the Specialty Heavy Vehicle Operator assigned to Special
9 Operations.

10 DEFINITIONS

- 11 ➤ **DECON Unit** – Regional Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) decontamination vehicle. Designated
12 as DECON13 (per our regional number), currently assigned to the Scaggsville Fire Station 11, and
13 operated by the Tanker HVO position.
- 14 ➤ **Specialty Heavy Vehicle Operator** – Heavy Vehicle Operator (HVO) assigned to Special Operations
15 and responsible for operating and logistical functions of the assigned Specialty Vehicles. For the
16 purpose of this General Order, the Tanker Heavy Vehicle Operator (HVO) at Station 11 is
17 considered a Specialty Heavy Vehicle Operator.
- 18 ➤ **Transporter** – Vehicle designed to carry the various Platform on Demand (POD) units assigned to
19 Special Operations. Currently designated as Transport 10 and Transport 12.
- 20 ➤ **Water Rescue 10** – Vehicle designed to carry water rescue, confined space rescue and technical
21 rope rescue equipment, currently designated as Water Rescue 10.

22 PROCEDURES

23 SPECIALTY VEHICLE RESPONSE IN STATION 10 OR 11'S (DECON 13) FIRST DUE AREA

- 24 • Miscellaneous or Rescue Alarms
 - 25 ○ Special Vehicle HVO remains in station initially.
 - 26 ○ Special Vehicle HVO monitors the incident on the operations channel.
 - 27 ○ Special Vehicle HVO responds to the scene upon direction from the Incident Commander
28 with the requested vehicle.
 - 29 ■ A Special Operations company officer, upon review of dispatch information, may
30 direct the Specialty HVO to respond with a specialty vehicle.

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 - Special Vehicle HVO remains in station initially.
 - Special Vehicle HVO monitors the incident on the operations channel.
 - Special Vehicle HVO responds to the scene upon direction from the Incident Commander with the requested vehicle.
 - A Special Operations Company Officer, upon review of dispatch information, may direct the Specialty HVO to respond with a Specialty Vehicle.
 - Emergency Medical Service Alarms
 - Specialty Vehicles may respond as a first responder if no other Station 10 or 11 units are available (within the first due) or if the unit is closer than an available unit from Station 10 or 11.
 - A Specialty Vehicle may respond, with a HVO Advanced Life Support provider, if the call indicates an Advanced Life Support level of care and no other Advanced Life Support providers are in the station.
 - The Special Vehicle chosen for medical response should have readily accessible Emergency Medical Service equipment on the unit.

49 **SPECIALTY VEHICLE RESPONSE, COUNTY-WIDE**

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- Station 10 officers will designate which Specialty Vehicle(s) shall respond, based upon the dispatch information, or as requested by units already on the scene of an incident.
 - The Station 11 officer will determine the need for a response from Decon 13, or as requested by units already on the scene of an incident.

54 **SPECIALTY VEHICLE RESPONSE, OUT OF COUNTY (MUTUAL AID)**

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- Station 10 officers will designate which Specialty Vehicle(s) shall respond, based upon the dispatch information.
 - Every attempt will be made to provide the Special Vehicle HVO another firefighter to ride with the HVO.
 - A minimum of one suppression piece from a Special Operations company should accompany the Specialty Vehicle on an out of county response.
 - The Station 11 officer will designate crew assignments for a request for Decon 13.
 - Every attempt will be made to provide the Special Vehicle HVO another firefighter to ride with the HVO.
 - A fire engine, preferably from Station 11 or Station 10, should accompany Decon 13 on an out of county response.

66 **USE OF EMERGENCY LIGHTS/SIRENS ON SPECIALTY VEHICLES**

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- Emergency Medical Service Responses
 - As a first responder within Station 10 or 11's first due area, or as an Advanced Life Support upgrade (closest Advanced Life Support provider), the Specialty Vehicle may respond emergency as warranted.
 - Non- Emergency Medical Service Responses
 - Units responding driver only shall respond non-emergency, unless an emergency response is warranted and authorized by a Special Operations officer.
 - Units with an HVO and other fire department personnel on board may respond emergency as warranted.

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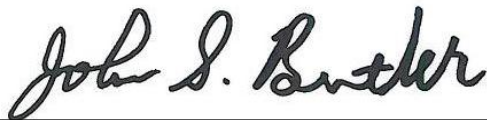
REFERENCES

SUMMARY OF DOCUMENT CHANGES

Revisions made to the specialty vehicle list of units and minor changes to response parameters, 08/12/2013, GEW #3059.

FORMS/ATTACHMENTS

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