

FREDERICK POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

Section 9: Police Equipment and Vehicles **Order Number:** 900
Topic: SPECIALIZED VEHICLES **Issued by:** Chief of Police
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.01 PURPOSE:

To outline responsibility for the control, care and coordination of maintenance for all specialized departmental vehicles

.02 CROSS REF:

G.O. [980](#), "Bicycle Patrol"
G.O. [985](#), "Motorcycle Patrol"
G.O. [995](#), "Segway Patrol"
SOP PD-008, [Mobile Command Unit](#)
SOP CS-020, [Crime Scene Unit Van](#)
SOP SOD-015, [SRT VAN](#)

.03 DISCUSSION:

The Department utilizes a number of specialized vehicles in its operations. Responsibility for the control, care, and coordination of maintenance for each of these specialized modes of transportation has been entrusted to specific commands within the Department as outlined in this Order.

.04 POLICY:

It is the policy of the Frederick Police Department to utilize various vehicles and modes of transportation to complete its mission and to ensure that these vehicles and the equipment assigned to each are maintained in a safe and serviceable condition.

.05 DEFINITIONS:

SPECIALIZED VEHICLE – A vehicle that requires special training or authorization for deployment.

.10 ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIALIZED VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT:

1. The following specialized vehicles and equipment have been assigned to the below-listed commands. The commanders of these units are responsible for the control, care and coordination of maintenance for each of these specialized vehicles and the equipment housed in or on that vehicle. Each commander designated as responsible for a specialized vehicle will prepare a Standard Operating Procedure or separate general order, as appropriate, for each specialized vehicle that contains the following information:
 - A. A statement of the objectives of the vehicle's operation or usage;
 - B. Instructions regarding the operation of the vehicle and the conditions and limits of its use;
 - C. Authorization for use in various situations;
 - D. Specific qualifications and/or the training which are needed to operate the vehicle; and,

- E. A list of all equipment kept in or on the vehicle.
- 2. Each designated commander will maintain a list of all personnel who are authorized to operate that specialized vehicle.
- 3. The below-listed specialized vehicles are assigned as follows:

<u>Vehicle/Equipment</u>	<u>Assignment Command</u>
Winnebago Command Truck	Special Operations Division
Motorcycles	Patrol Division
Bicycles	Patrol Division and Special Operations Division
S.R.T. Van	Criminal Investigations Division
Crime Scene Unit Van	Crime Scene Unit
Segways	Patrol Division

.20 CONTROL, CARE AND MAINTENANCE:

In the case of motorized vehicles, commanders will coordinate the routine preventive maintenance services and/or repairs with the Department’s vehicle maintenance coordinator as required. They will also be responsible for the periodic inspection of these vehicles to ensure that they are maintained in a clean and serviceable condition. Non-motorized vehicles, such as bicycles, will be the responsibility of the commander of the division assigned.

.30 OPERATION:

The commanders who control the vehicles will determine who is authorized to operate the vehicles. Vehicles that require specialized training to operate them will only be operated by personnel who have successfully completed training that has been approved by the Department. The commander responsible for that specialized vehicle will maintain a current list of individuals authorized to operate that vehicle. A copy of that list will be kept current and forwarded to the Operational Services Bureau Commander for distribution as appropriate.

.40 DEPLOYMENT/USE:

The deployment and/or use of a specialized vehicle beyond “normal” operation will be coordinated through the Division Commander who is entrusted with responsibility for the vehicle. The division commander will determine if the request can be met and will ensure that the individual who will operate the vehicle has been authorized by the Department to do so.