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| Policy #  **Special Purpose Vehicles** | Related Policies: | |
| *This policy is for internal use only and does not enlarge an employee’s civil liability in any way. The policy should not be construed as creating a higher duty of care, in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third-party civil claims against employees. A violation of this policy, if proven, can only form the basis for internal discipline and/or criminal charges.* | | |
| Applicable State Statutes: | | |
| KACP Accreditation Standard: 21.3 | | |
| Date Implemented: | | Revision Date: May 1, 2025 |

1. **Policy:**

To establish procedures for the proper control, accountability, and use of departmental special-purpose vehicles.

1. **Procedure:**

It is the intention of this department to utilize special purpose vehicles and equipment on an as-required basis. All vehicles other than automobiles will be considered special use vehicles. The department's special use vehicles include, but are not limited to, four-wheel drive vehicles and unmarked Vehicles.

1. Off-road vehicles
   1. Normally assigned to an individual officer who shall be responsible for the maintenance, control, accountability, and proper usage of said vehicle.
2. Vehicle may be temporarily assigned to other units within the department during inclement weather or for usage at crime/incident scenes with rugged off road terrain.
3. During any temporary assignments the officer, using the vehicle shall be responsible for the proper use of said vehicle.
4. Unmarked Vehicles
   1. These units are to be assigned by the police chief or designee.

This vehicle may be temporarily assigned to other members within the department for special investigations.

* 1. During any temporary assignments the officer using the vehicle shall be responsible for the proper use of the vehicle.

1. Police Bike
   1. These units shall be assigned by the shift supervisor.
   2. Officers using the bike shall be responsible for the proper use of the vehicle.
2. Other Special-Use Vehicles
3. Only those employees authorized to use special-use vehicles may do so. Prior to authorization by a supervisor, the employee must have the appropriate license endorsement if required and must have completed the required department and state criminal justice training program. All operations of special use vehicles are required to be in a manner consistent with applicable laws, policies and consistent with training received.