


<p>RABUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</p>  <p>General Order Number: 4.38</p>	<p>Date of Issue</p> <p>2/23/2016</p>	<p>Effective Date</p> <p>2/23/2016</p>	<p>Revision Date</p>
<p>Subject: SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES</p>	<p>Amends:</p>		<p>Rescinds:</p>
<p>Index as: Special Purpose Vehicles</p>	<p>State Certification Standards:</p>		
<p>Special Instructions:</p>			

PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to prescribe the policies and procedures of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office regarding the Special Purpose Vehicles used by the Rabun County Sheriff's Office.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office that certain vehicles may at times be used for other than normal law enforcement purposes. These vehicles will be designated as "Special Purpose Vehicles".

DISCUSSION

The Rabun County Sheriff's Office may at times have to respond to law enforcement problems that will require a unique vehicle to either get to the scene or to solve the problem. These Special Purpose Vehicles will include but are not limited to the Jet-skis, Special Response Team Van, Prisoner Transport Van, and Four Wheel Drive Vehicles.

I. USE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES

- A. Vehicles dedicated for a special purpose will be utilized and maintained by officers assigned to a specific unit or division for which the vehicle will be used.
- B. Officers assigned to operate a special purpose vehicle must possess the proper class of Georgia Driver's License required to operate that type of vehicle. For example, if the type and classification of the vehicle would require a Commercial Driver's License, then the operator would be required to be in current possession of that type of license.
- C. The Sheriff or his designee will assign officers to operate special purpose vehicles that are assigned within their division or unit. No other personnel will be authorized to operate these vehicles without the approval of the Sheriff or his designee(s).
- D. The unit or officers to whom the vehicle is assigned will maintain necessary equipment for special purpose vehicles. These units will also be responsible for the periodic maintenance and upkeep of the vehicles.
- E. Officers assigned to operate a special purpose vehicle will be required to demonstrate proficiency in the operation of that vehicle and/or attend any training as required by the Rabun County Sheriff's Office.
- F. All special purpose vehicles that may be required to operate as an Emergency Vehicles will be marked and equipped in accordance with state statutes.
- G. Officers that operate vehicles that require special safety equipment must wear or have in their possession the required safety equipment each and every time the vehicle is being operated.
- H. All special purpose vehicles shall be operated in a safe and professional manner in accordance with all applicable state statutes.
- I. Special Purpose Vehicles will be used only when the emergency situation requires them or when required by departmental activities such as training and parades or as directed to complete the department's mission.
- J. Any officers assigned to operate a special purpose vehicle where there is a Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council certification for the vehicle, will be required to attend and pass that certification class within six months of being assigned to operate the vehicle.



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