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**PUSH BUMPERS**

402.00 PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to establish a procedure for the use of push bumpers.

402.01 POLICY

"Push Bumpers" installed on Department vehicles will only be utilized under the following circumstances.

- A. In an emergency situation, when a vehicle is stalled and poses a danger to other traffic.
- B. The vehicle will be pushed to the side of the roadway, only the distance necessary to clear the traffic lane(s) and only if the driver of the vehicle is present.
- C. The operator of the vehicle being pushed will be informed that the vehicle's transmission must be in a neutral position, emergency brake released and the operator provided with complete instructions of where and by what route the vehicle is to be pushed. All turning movements must be gradual as to maintain proper contact with push bumpers.
- D. Prior to actually pushing the vehicle, the officer will visually confirm that the push bumper safely makes contact with the bumper of the vehicle being pushed.
- E. Vehicles having possible damage to the steering mechanism will not be pushed.
- F. Vehicles will be pushed only if no damage will result to either vehicle or surrounding property.
- G. Only passenger cars and light trucks will be pushed.
- H. Vehicles will not be "push started" with the "Push Bumper."

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- I. Officers will use the Low Range "L" of the unit's transmission and will not exceed five- (5) mph when pushing another vehicle.
- J. Prior to pushing a vehicle, officer will complete a "Permission & Waiver for Car Push" form and have driver review and sign form. The Waiver form will be submitted in the usual manner, and forwarded to the Record Section for filing.

By order of:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colonel Thomas Jackson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

COLONEL THOMAS JACKSON  
Chief of Police

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