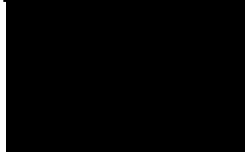


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1056.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the deployment, training, and use of Santa Rosa Police Department Armored Rescue Vehicles.

1056.2 POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Santa Rosa Police Department to deploy and use armored vehicles in compliance with this policy and in accordance with the Military Equipment Use Policy other existing policies and law.

1056.3 USE OF THE ARMORED RESCUE VEHICLE

The use of an Armored Rescue Vehicle (ARV) is primarily used for SWAT incidents. The Armored Rescue Vehicle should be deployed in situations where its use would enhance officers' tactical advantage, aid in rescuing injured persons, protect life and property, or improve the likelihood that an incident would be resolved without deadly force or other force options.

1056.4 DEPLOYMENT

An officer may request to deploy the Armored Rescue Vehicle in a planned operation by making the request through the chain of command. The request should include, but is not limited to: the day, date and time frame of the operation, location(s) of the operation, and the reason why the Armored Rescue Vehicle is necessary for the success of the operation. Approval to deploy an Armored Rescue Vehicle will be the responsibility of the SWAT Commander; although, a lieutenant or higher may authorize its deployment in the event the SWAT Commander is unavailable.

Unless otherwise indicated in this policy, an Armored Rescue Vehicle will only be used for incidents that involve actual, threatened, or suspected violence. Investigations of misdemeanor crimes must involve a firearm for an Armored Rescue Vehicle to be used.

Generally, an Armored Rescue Vehicle will not be utilized in crowd control situations or during times of civil unrest, protest, or demonstrations unless clear articulable facts dictate the need to deploy the Armored Rescue Vehicle (shots fired, suspected violence involving firearms, actual or suspected presence of explosives, etc.).

An Armored Rescue Vehicle may be deployed during natural disasters and rescue/emergency operations that necessitate the deployment of the Armored Rescue Vehicle's equipment and capabilities.

Nothing in this policy is meant to preclude the immediate deployment of an Armored Rescue

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Vehicle to perform an officer or citizen rescue, to save lives that could be placed in imminent danger of great bodily injury or death.

1056.5 SWAT OPERATIONS

The SWAT Team may deploy the Armored Rescue Vehicle at their discretion as approved by the SWAT Commander or pursuant to section 1056.4 of this policy.

1056.6 PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Armored Rescue Vehicle may be deployed for public relations purposes, such as law enforcement demonstrations, displays and special events, with the approval of the SWAT Commander, Captain, or Chief. If approval is granted, a trained Armored Rescue Vehicle driver will be assigned to deliver and provide security for the vehicle.

1056.7 ALLIED AGENCY REQUEST

Non-Emergency requests for deployment of the Armored Rescue Vehicle by an allied agency will be made through the on-duty or on-call Lieutenant, who will then contact the SWAT Commander. If the SWAT Commander is unavailable, or if an allied agency requests an immediate Armored Rescue Vehicle deployment to an emergency to assist in life-saving operations, an on-duty or on-call Lieutenant may authorize the deployment of the vehicle pursuant to section 1056.4 of this policy.

Upon approving an allied agency's request, two officers trained in Armored Rescue Vehicle deployment will be assigned to deliver the Armored Rescue Vehicle to the requesting agency. The officers will respond to the incident and deploy the Armored Rescue Vehicle per the orders of the Incident Commander of the allied agency. Santa Rosa Officers will not deploy an Armored Rescue Vehicle if the deployment conflicts with Santa Rosa Police Department's policies, procedures, practices, or established law. Officers arriving on scene with the Armored Rescue Vehicle will act as vehicle operators and security for the vehicle.

Santa Rosa Police Officers deployed with an Armored Rescue Vehicle should not be directly involved in the allied agency's tactical operations unless specifically requested by the requesting agency. If Santa Rosa Police Officers are asked to participate in any part of the Allied Agency's operation other than the operation of the Armored Rescue Vehicle, the officer(s) shall notify the SWAT Commander or if they are unavailable the on-duty or on-call lieutenant as soon as practical. This policy is not intended to restrict officers from taking action if necessary to prevent or great bodily injury or death.

If the allied agency's request for an Armored Rescue Vehicle develops into an extended operation, the officers deploying the vehicle will contact the SWAT Commander or on-duty or on-call Lieutenant who will be responsible for ensuring relief officers are deployed as necessary.

1056.8 ARMORED RESCUE VEHICLE TRAINING

Officers are to be trained in the operation of the Armored Rescue Vehicle prior to actual use. Officers not assigned to the SWAT Team may be trained on operating procedures for the Armored Rescue Vehicle but will not be authorized to operate the Armored Rescue Vehicle absent exigent circumstances. Members of the SWAT Team will be trained on operating procedures for the

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Armored Rescue Vehicle. Training Requirements will be set by the SWAT Commander or designee. The training will include knowledge of the rules of the road and knowledge of electronic/mechanical mechanisms on the vehicles. Personnel who have been trained in the use of the Armored Rescue Vehicle and possess a valid California Driver's License are authorized to drive the vehicle. The vehicle shall only be driven in the performance of their duties.

The SWAT Commander or his/her designee is responsible for ensuring officers are trained in the proper use and driving techniques and ensuring the vehicle is properly serviced and maintained.

1056.81 OPERATING/STORAGE/MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

(a) Backing: When reversing an Armored Rescue Vehicle, a ground guide or spotter should be used while the armored vehicle is moving. This is to assist the driver of the armored vehicle to avoid colliding with any unseen objects. This recommendation does not apply if the use of a guide jeopardizes officer safety.

(b) Inventory: The operator of the Armored Rescue Vehicle shall ensure that all of the vehicle's equipment has been returned after use. Quarterly inventories/inspections should be done and a list of equipment should be stored inside of the Armored Rescue Vehicle.

(c) Fueling: Prior to securing the Armored Rescue Vehicle after deployment, the operator shall ensure that the vehicle possesses sufficient fuel (diesel) and is ready for re-deployment.

(d) Storage: The Armored Rescue Vehicle will be stored in a designated parking location at the main Santa Rosa Police Department, unless authorization for an alternative storage location is granted by the SWAT Commander or his/her designee.

(e) Damage: If the Armored Rescue Vehicle is damaged, the operator shall report the damage to the SWAT Commander as soon as possible.

1056.9 DOCUMENTATION

Each deployment of an Armored Rescue Vehicle shall be documented in a police report and forwarded to the SWAT Commander and Training Team.