



Winters Police Department

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GENERAL ORDER #17-07 USE OF “OUT OF SERVICE” SIGNS ON MARKED EMERGENCY VEHICLES

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I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Pursuant to Winters Police Department Policy 520 “Disabled Vehicles,” on-duty officers should make a reasonable effort to provide assistance to disabled vehicles on the roadway. Additionally, there is an expectation of the public for marked law enforcement vehicles to take enforcement actions whenever appropriate. However, if the on-duty officer is operating a vehicle unable to safely operate as an emergency vehicle, the officer is not adequately equipped to safely take enforcement actions, or the vehicle is being operated by non-sworn members, it is prudent to indicate this to the public.

II. POLICY

Signage indicating “Out of Service” will be prominently displayed on marked Winters Police Department vehicles being operated under the following circumstances:

- 1) An on-duty officer is operating a vehicle unable to safely operate as an emergency vehicle, such as transporting the vehicle for repair.
- 2) The officer, whether on or off-duty, is not adequately equipped to safely take enforcement action, such as attending training out of jurisdiction or dressed in plain clothes.
- 3) The vehicle is being operated by non-sworn members.

III. PROCEDURE

Magnetic “Out of Service” signs will be affixed to the driver and passenger side doors and the rear of marked Winters Police Department vehicle meeting the above criteria.

It will be the responsibility of the member operating the vehicle to retrieve the signs from the vehicle and replace the signs to the designated storage location.

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