OPERATIONS-WEST BUREAU

ORDER NO. 1 **May 23, 2019**

TO: All Concerned Personnel, Operations-West Bureau

FROM: Commanding Officer, Operations-West Bureau

SUBJECT: OPERATIONS-WEST BUREAU BEACH VEHICLE OPERATIONS

EFFECTIVE: DEPLOYMENT PERIOD 5/2019

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is to reconcile the operational need to provide a law enforcement presence and response on the beach, and to do so with due regard for public safety. All Beach Vehicle Operations in Pacific Area and West Los Angeles Area will adhere to the below listed requirements.

Any deviations from this Order will require notification and approval from the Bureau Commanding Officer.

PROCEDURE:

This Bureau Notice is being established to implement procedures for authorized vehicles, authorized personnel, routine patrol operations, and specialized operations. It is imperative that every employee becomes familiar with the Beach Vehicle Operations requirements.

Authorized Area Beach Vehicles:

- **Four-wheel Drive (4x4) Trucks/SUVs**
  - Defined as a two-axled vehicle drivetrain capable of providing torque to all its wheels simultaneously.
  - Current Model: Chevrolet Colorado
- **Utility Terrain Vehicle/UTV (aka – Side-by-Side, or SxS)**
  - Defined as being able to seat passengers side-by-side and haul cargo or supplies, with a standard four-wheel base, steering wheel, pedal operated throttle and brakes, and the ability to maneuver through a variety of terrain conditions.
  - Current Model: Honda Pioneer 1000
- **All-Terrain Vehicle/ATV (aka-Quad)**
  - Defined as a vehicle with a straddle seating position (single or double rider), handlebar steering, hand throttle (thumb or twist), three or four-wheel configuration, and the ability to maneuver through a variety of terrain conditions.
  - Current Model: Honda Foreman 4x4

Authorized Area Beach Vehicle Personnel:

- **Qualifications:**
  - Supervisor/Officer currently assigned/loaned to the Beach Detail
  - Complete Beach Detail Orientation Training
  - Complete the POST certified ATV Course (when training becomes available)
  - Complete the Los Angeles County Lifeguard Beach Driving Course (when training becomes available)
  - No more than 3 points (Preventable Traffic Collisions) accrued within a 36-month period (Department Manual 3/207.30)

BEACH DETAIL OPERATIONS:

Routine Patrol Operations (UTVs and ATVs)

- Operator only - no passenger
  - Exceptions (Passengers – UTV)
    - Victim/Suspect/Arrestee Transport
    - Tactical Incidents (additional officers)
    - Investigations (Relative of Critical Missing, Detectives)
    - Command and Control (Incident Commander, Commanding Officer, Watch Commander, etc.)
- Hands-free Operation
  - No Cell Phone/Radio use by driver, while in motion
- All Officers operating UTVs and ATVs shall wear approved helmets, as required by law.
  - 27802 and 38601 CVC (Definition and Requirement for Off-Highway use on Public Lands).
- Full-sized vehicles, such as the four-wheel drive Chevy Colorados and Ford Expeditions, and the All-Wheel drive Ford Explorers SHOULD NOT be used for Routine patrol on the sand.

Specialized Operations (4x4 Trucks and SUVs)

- Mitigate Risk and Enhance Public Safety:
  - All full-sized vehicles will require an auditory alarm to sound, once the four-wheel drive is engaged
    - Auditory Alert
  - Officers will be required to activate the overhead Emergency Lights (Rotators), prior to entry onto the sand.
    - Visual Alert
    - Automatic Activation of DICVS
  - Point A to Point B driving
  - Utilize ATV or UTV "Pathfinder"
    - Clear path of travel
- Pre-planned and Recurring Deployments:
  - Dispersal of the "Drum Circle," or other large crowds
  - Assisting in beach clean-ups
  - Critical Missing Investigations, where a clearly identifiable police vehicle might be recognized by a Missing Person.

  - Suspect Transport/Removal from the sand
  - Rescues
- Spontaneous Events:
  - Any Unusual Occurrence or Tactical Incident, where a full-sized vehicle would provide a tactical advantage.
- Notifications:
  - All full-sized vehicle deployments will require Supervisory approval.
  - Commanding Officer notifications will be required for pre-planned events and should be made as soon as practicable following spontaneous events, or under exigent circumstances.

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this order, please contact Lieutenant Robert Binder at (213) 473-0277.

APPROVED:

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