

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DIVISIONAL ORDER #07-03

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TO: SWAT Personnel, Metropolitan Division

FROM: Commanding Officer, Metropolitan Division

SUBJECT: AIRBAG CUT OFF SWITCHES FOR BEARCAT VEHICLES

The airbags on both Bearcat Tactical Vehicles are equipped with a deactivation switch for the drivers' side airbag. This switch provides for the deactivation of the driver's side airbag for specified tactical operations only. Effective immediately, the following protocols shall be followed:

- The airbag may be deactivated only when utilizing the Bearcat to ram a structure or vehicle.
- When utilizing the Bearcat to ram with the airbag deactivated, the driver of the Bearcat must be secured by the three-point safety restraint system.
- When ramming an object with the Bearcat the driver shall not exceed fifteen miles per hour.
- When securing from a tactical operation where the airbag has been deactivated, the airbag shall be reactivated for normal operation. The on-scene SWAT supervisor shall be notified after the reactivation of the airbags has been completed.
- When the airbag switch is deactivated and the ram utilized, the Bearcat shall be taken to the shop as soon as possible for inspection of the airbag switch.



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