

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

GENERAL ORDER 100.72

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EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AND ESCORTS

1. POLICY.

a. Emergency life-saving transportation and transportation of medical supplies such as blood, serum, or antitoxin will be provided where time is critical and alternative transportation is unavailable or inappropriate.

b. Emergency escorts to expedite movements of supplies and personnel during an emergency will be provided in accordance with Section 21057 of the California Vehicle Code.

2. PROCEDURES.

a. Requests are to be screened to determine validity and urgency of need.

(1) Transporting officers are to be advised of the degree of the urgency.

(2) If a request is deemed a nonemergency, the requester shall be advised and assisted in finding alternative transportation.

b. The command originating an emergency relay which involves other Areas is responsible for coordination of the relay to its conclusion.

c. Commanders should consider the use of available departmental aircraft as a transportation alternative to patrol units.

d. Relays from another Area are to be accepted. The response priority and the use of emergency lights and siren will be determined by the accepting command.

e. Commanders or designated alternatives may authorize emergency transportation or escorts to continue into an adjacent Area without relay under the following conditions:

(1) When units in the Area(s) into which the emergency transportation or escort extends are unavailable or so located that an excessive delay in transportation would exist.

(2) When circumstances where any delay may be considered life threatening or excessive.

(3) When the destination of the emergency transportation or escort is such that a relay would be inappropriate.

(4) When the Area(s) being traversed is/are notified of the emergency transportation or escort.

f. Details of emergency transportation or emergency escorts are to be documented in accordance with Highway Patrol Manual 40.71, Activity Tracking System 415 User's Manual.

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