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1. GENERAL. The purpose of this chapter is to establish guidelines for the appropriate operation of the Chevrolet Camaro SS 1LE patrol vehicle to ensure operator safety and vehicle longevity.

2. REQUIRED TRAINING. All uniformed personnel selected to operate the Camaro patrol vehicle shall receive specialized training from the CHP Academy prior to operation.

3. WEATHER RESTRICTIONS.
 - a. The Camaro patrol vehicle should not be driven during prolonged periods of rain or in adverse weather conditions.

 - b. Supervisory approval is required for any exception to this policy (e.g., an automotive technician driving the vehicle to a dealership for service).

4. DRIVING REQUIREMENTS.
 - a. The Camaro patrol vehicle shall be operated in Tour Mode.
 - (1) Operators shall not switch the Camaro patrol vehicle into Sport, Track, Snow/Ice, or other performance drive modes.

 - b. The Camaro Launch Control feature shall not be used.

 - c. The Camaro Traction Control and Stability Control systems shall remain engaged at all times.
 - (1) Operators shall not manually disable these systems.

5. PRISONER TRANSPORTATION RESTRICTION.
 - a. Prisoners should not be transported in the Camaro patrol vehicle, absent exigent circumstances.

6. VEHICLE SECUREMENT.

a. The Camaro patrol vehicle is not equipped with a protected idle or secure park feature. Therefore, operators shall lock the Camaro patrol vehicle if left unattended while idling and monitor the vehicle appropriately.

7. GENERAL MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS.

a. The Camaro patrol vehicle shall be immediately removed from service upon discovery of any mechanical issue, warning light, or abnormal performance. The vehicle shall not be placed back into service until it is inspected by a CHP automotive technician or dealership service technician.

8. GENERAL USE GUIDELINES.

a. Operators shall not intentionally rev the engine of the Camaro patrol vehicle for the purpose of creating noise.

b. Operators shall back the Camaro patrol vehicle into parking spaces when feasible to reduce the risk of damage to the vehicle's front undercarriage.

c. Due to the low undercarriage clearance of the Camaro patrol vehicle, operators shall use extreme caution while driving off paved road surfaces.

d. Operators should be aware the Camaro's design limits rear and side visibility, requiring extra caution during pursuits and emergency vehicle operations (e.g. clearing intersections), as well as during routine driving when maneuvering or changing lanes.

e. Activity generated while driving the Camaro patrol vehicle is tracked using special project code (SPC) 775. Uniformed employees driving a Camaro patrol vehicle shall include SPC 775 on all CHP 415, Daily Field Record, forms and all associated enforcement documents generated while driving these vehicles.

9. ACCOUNTABILITY.

a. Failure to comply with this policy may result in removal of operator privileges and/or disciplinary action in accordance with Department policy.