

# WEST PALM BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## III-19 VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

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CALEA Standards: 41.3.1, 41.3.2

CFA Standards: 17.09, 23.03

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**I. POLICY:** West Palm Beach police vehicles designated for patrol service are conspicuously marked as police vehicles. Unmarked vehicles are used by sworn personnel in support or investigative assignment. Each patrol vehicle is properly equipped to assist officers so an effective response to the demands of their daily assignments can be attained.

### **II. PATROL (MARKED) VEHICLES:**

A. Patrol cars primarily used in the assignment of zone coverage will be marked with:

1. The words "West Palm Beach" and "Police" on each side of the vehicle and "Police" on the rear.
2. The vehicle number located on top of the car and on the rear of the car.
3. The following special use vehicles will be appropriately marked on the side of the vehicle with:
  - a. Supervisor,
  - b. K-9 Unit, and
  - c. Field Training Officer.

B. Patrol cars primarily used in the assignment of zone coverage will be equipped with:

1. Blue emergency (warning) lights,
2. Siren,
3. Protective cage separating the front and rear passenger compartments,
4. Loud speaker system,
5. A mobile radio transceiver,
6. Fire extinguisher,
7. An emergency blanket,
8. Flares (fusee type),
9. A reflective traffic vest,
10. Hobbles,
11. Basic first aid kit,
12. Biohazard protection equipment, and
13. A resuscitation device.

C. Supervisor's vehicle will be additionally equipped with:

1. Shotgun,
2. Camera kit with carry case, and
3. Crime scene tape/warning tape.

### **III. UNMARKED VEHICLES:**

A. Unmarked vehicles will be equipped with:

1. Portable blue emergency (warning) light,
2. Fire extinguisher,
3. An emergency blanket,
4. Basic first aid kit,
5. Crime scene tape/warning tape,
6. Biohazard protection equipment, and
7. A resuscitation device.

B. Unmarked vehicles and temporary rental cars which are actively used in an undercover capacity are exempt.

**IV. PATROL VEHICLE EQUIPMENT RESPONSIBILITY:**

A. The patrol car that is assigned to an officer(s) will be inspected for proper operation and supply prior to each working shift by the officer assigned to that patrol car.

B. The patrol car assigned to an officer will be inspected for proper operation and supplies on a monthly basis by the shift commander or his or her designee.

**V. REFERENCE:**

- SOP # II-19 Infectious Diseases
- SOP # III-20 Mobile Video Audio Recording Device.
- SOP # III-31 Traffic Crash Investigations
- SOP # IV-11 Property and Evidence Management.

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