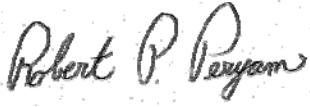


MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

General Order

CHAPTER: 32 - D		TITLE: Trailers- Message/Radar/Storage
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REFERENCE: CALEA 41.1.3		RESCINDS: Special Order: Trailers – Message/Radar/Storage; 12.07.2007
 Sheriff of Monroe County		

PURPOSE: The purpose of this order is to establish policy and procedures for various trailers owned and operated by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

POLICY: It is the Sheriff's policy that standardized procedures be used in the operation of the message sign trailers, radar trailers and trailers used to store and move equipment.

PROCEDURE:

Trailers for the purpose of this order are defined as message signs, radar trailers, and storage trailers.

MESSAGE SIGNS

Message signs are trailers equipped with a large message display, solar panel, computer and battery system.
[CALEA 41.1.3 d]

Message signs will be assigned to Districts 1, 4 and 7 unless otherwise assigned by the Bureau of Law Enforcement Chief.

The District Captain has ultimate responsibility for the care and maintenance of the sign.
[CALEA 41.1.3 c]

The District Captain or designee will review all material on the operation of the sign and instruct any personnel directed to move and setup the sign. [CALEA 41.1.3 b]

Only employees so trained are allowed, at the Commander's direction to move and set up the sign.

Message Sign Use

Message signs will only be used for Office purposes. For example traffic control, warning of traffic issues, crime prevention, hurricane evacuation or re-entry.

The sign shall be placed at a location that does not hinder traffic or obscure a driver's view. It shall be placed, if along the road right-of-way, in accordance with Florida DOT regulations, if applicable
[CALEA 41.1.3 a]

The sign shall be removed from the site within one day of the event, or as soon as possible thereafter.

SPEED MEASURING RADAR TRAILERS

Speed Measuring Radar Trailers are equipped with a traffic speed measuring radar, graphic speed display, solar panel and battery system and in some cases a computer.
[CALEA 41.1.3 d]

Speed Measuring Radar Trailers are to be placed in areas prone to traffic speed violations, to educate the public as to the posted speed limits and their driving habits. This is a way to gain voluntary compliance with traffic speed laws.
[CALEA 41.1.3 a]

Speed Measuring Radar Trailers are the ultimate responsibility of the District Captain. Maintenance and care of the trailer is the responsibility of the District Captain or his/her designee.

[CALEA 41.1.3 c]

The District Captain or designee will review all material on the operation of the sign and instruct any personnel directed to move and setup the sign.

[CALEA 41.1.3 b]

Only employees so trained are allowed, at the Captain's direction to move and set up the sign.

Speed Measuring Radar Trailers are to be placed at the direction of or approval of the District Captain or designee. They should be placed in areas in response to citizen requests or complaints of excessive speed violations.

[CALEA 41.1.3 a]

Speed Measuring Radar Trailers should be routinely placed at locations known for speed zone violations when not deployed in specific request areas.

Speed Measuring Radar Trailers should be placed to minimize criminal mischief to the trailer. Placing it under streetlights, adjacent to occupied homes or another location allowing for frequent viewing by the public and patrolling units.

The Speed Measuring Radar Trailer should never be placed on a deserted street or where the majority of the homes are vacant.

The Speed Measuring Radar Trailer shall be secured or locked so that it cannot be attached to a vehicle and towed away while deployed. Tongue locks or other methods to disable it shall be employed.

Speed Measuring Radar Trailers should not be deployed for more than one week at a location.

STORAGE TRAILERS

Storage trailers are box type trailers intended to store items and transport them to areas of need.

There is no specific equipment assigned to these types of trailers.

Trailers may be assigned to School Resource Deputies for the purpose of storing and transporting equipment to Cadet events.

[CALEA 41.1.3a]

Trailers may be assigned to the Districts, SWAT, Dive, or Special Response Teams as determined by the applicable Bureau Chief for the purpose of storage and transportation of equipment needed for special events or responses.

[CALEA 41.1.3 a]

The District Captain or designee, SWAT, Dive, Special Response Team Leader or School Resource Officer will be responsible for the care and maintenance of an assigned trailer.

[CALEA 41.1.3 c]

Each person assigned a trailer will make himself or herself familiar with the operation of that trailer and shall train any other employee in its use and operation prior to directing that employee to use the trailer.

Only employees so trained are allowed to move and operate a storage trailer.

[CALEA 41.1.3 b]