

# EXCELLENCE IN POLICING CERTIFICATION



# Focus Topics

1. Human Resources / Equal Opportunity Employment Plan
2. Property & Evidence
3. Vehicle Operation, Emergency Response & Pursuit
4. Search & Seizure
5. Use of Force / Response to Aggression
6. Arrest
7. Off Duty
8. Other Equipment
9. Diminished Capacity
10. Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces
11. Body & In-Car Cameras]
12. Public Safety Information Officer

# **What will we be looking for within those topics?**

- Policy (Model Policies)
- Training
- Incident log & Internal review against policy

## 2. Property and Evidence

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| 2.10 | The department shall have a policy governing identification, collection, packaging, storage, and disposal of evidence/property. At a minimum, this policy shall address: |        |      |         |
|      | a. Evidentiary procedures outlining the steps to identify, collect, label, document, and package property/evidence   |        |      |         |
|      | b. Designate, in writing, one person as the primary evidence/property custodian and responsible for the day-to-day control of property/evidence;                         |        |      |         |
|      | c. Establishing a 'secure' location for the temporary storage of property/evidence until items can be placed in the evidence room.                                       |        |      |         |
|      | d. Establishing a 'secure' location for proper storage of property/evidence;   |        |      |         |
|      | e. Shall have a separate, secure, storage areas for weapons, drugs, and high value items. (These areas can be located within the evidence room);                         |        |      |         |
|      | f. Inspections, Inventories, and audits routinely conducted to verify property/evidence is properly secured and maintained; and  |        |      |         |
|      | g. Process for purging or release of property/evidence.  |        |      |         |
| 2.11 | Documented proof of: Evidentiary Chain, Inspection, Inventories, & Audits, and purging process (2 examples)  |        |      |         |
| 2.12 | Inspection of Temporary storage "secure" location, Separate secure location for weapons, etc..   |        |      |         |

# Vehicle Operation, Emergency Response, & Pursuit

- Driver Training
- Seat Belts
- Distracted Driving
- Inspection
- Response to Calls for Service
- Pursuit Policy
- Transporting Detainees
- Investigations of Accidents Involving Department Vehicles

### 3. Vehicle Operations

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| 3.10 | Driver Training - The agency shall have a written directive requiring all officers to receive agency policy and legal update training on vehicle pursuits annually and defensive driving at least every three years. The annual training shall include specific training on content and application of the agency's own pursuit policy.   |        |      |         |
| 3.11 | Documented proof of: Completed Annual Pursuit Training and Defensive Driver training every 3 years.   |        |      |         |
| 3.20 | Seat Belts - The agency shall have a written directive requiring the use of occupant safety restraining devices by the driver and all passengers (including detainees) using agency vehicles.   |        |      |         |
| 3.30 | Distracted Driving - The agency shall have a written directive for officers to avoid participating in activity that interferes with their ability to safely operating agency vehicles.  |        |      |         |
| 3.31 | Visual inspection of vehicles in operation and review of discipline associated with occupant safety restraining devices and distracted driving  |        |      |         |
| 3.40 | Response to Calls for Service - The agency shall have a written directive establishing procedures for responding to routine and emergency calls and includes guidelines for the use of authorized emergency equipment.  |        |      |         |
| 3.50 | Vehicle Pursuits - The agency shall have a written directive governing pursuit of motor vehicles, to include:   |        |      |         |
|      | a. evaluating the circumstances;  |        |      |         |
|      | b. initiating officer's responsibilities;   |        |      |         |
|      | c. designating secondary unit's responsibilities;   |        |      |         |
|      | d. specifying roles and restrictions pertinent to marked, unmarked, or other types of police vehicles involvement in the pursuit;   |        |      |         |
|      | e. assigning dispatcher's responsibilities;   |        |      |         |
|      | f. describing supervisor's responsibilities;  |        |      |         |
|      | g. using forcible stopping techniques/roadblocks, tire deflation devices, including circumstances authorizing use;  |        |      |         |
|      | h. specifying when to terminate pursuit;  |        |      |         |
|      | i. engaging in inter- and intra-jurisdictional pursuits involving personnel from the agency and/or other jurisdictions;   |        |      |         |
|      | j. detailing a procedure for reporting/supervisor review, and a Comprehensive After Action (CAA) review of the pursuit; and   |        |      |         |
|      | k. annual written review of vehicle pursuit reports, a copy of which should be provided to LGRMS.   |        |      |         |
| 3.51 | Review of pursuit reports and associated in-car video (2 examples) and log of incidents   |        |      |         |
| 3.60 | Transporting Detainees- The agency shall have a written directive for transporting detainees including:   |        |      |         |
|      | a. an examination of all vehicles used for transporting detainees to be searched at the beginning of each shift and after transporting detainees;   |        |      |         |
|      | b. search of the detainee prior to being transported;   |        |      |         |
|      | c. a safety barrier between the driver and detainee or a second officer in the back seat with the detainee;   |        |      |         |
|      | d. documentation of the handcuffing (double-locked) detainees before securing them in the car with a seatbelt;  |        |      |         |
|      | e. appropriate procedures for transporting detainees of the opposite gender;  |        |      |         |
|      | f. procedures for transporting sick, injured, or disabled detainees;  |        |      |         |
|      | g. authorization or agreement with the sheriff to transport individuals from another county (O.C.G.A. § 17-4-25.1);   |        |      |         |
|      | h. conditions when an officer may interrupt a detainee transport for necessary stops and/or to render emergency assistance.   |        |      |         |
| 3.70 | Investigations of Accidents Involving Department Vehicles - The agency shall have a written directive requiring automobile crashes involving department-owned vehicles be investigated by an outside agency (i.e. Georgia State Patrol, Sheriff's Office). An after-action review shall be conducted to determine the root cause of the crash and if driver is determined to be "at-fault", appropriate corrective actions are taken. |        |      |         |
| 3.71 | Review of accident / Incident Reports (2 Examples) and log of incidents   |        |      |         |

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